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**TOWN OF EPSOM
NEW HAMPSHIRE**



**For the Year Ending
December 31, 2000**



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**CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
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Gary Benner is this year's choice for Citizen of the Year. Gary's long time involvement in community, and town government make him very deserving of this special honor.

Gary has been a resident of Epsom for 26 years, moving from Camden, Maine. Gary and his wife, Vickie, live on Yeaton Lane with their three children, Nathan, Daniel, and Abigail. He is currently employed as a Manufacturing Engineering Technician at Presstek Inc. in Hudson NH.

Gary was a member of the Epsom School Board for twelve years and served on both building addition committees as well as the Epsom Budget Committee. He was instrumental in getting public support for both school additions, which include the library and gymnasium.

Gary has been a member of the Epsom Park commission, and a member of the Epsom Old Home Day Committee.

Gary has also been involved with Epsom Boy Scout Troop #80 and Cub Scout Pack #80 for many years, serving as Scout Master, Committee chairman, Den Leader, and Assistant Cub Master. He was the driving force behind the restoration of the New Rye Scout House, formerly a one room schoolhouse that was destroyed by fire.

For the last few years, Gary has been the advertising coordinator for our local Fall Variety Show that raises money for local organizations including Evergreen Lodge #53, New Rye Church, Epsom PTO, and others.

Gary is a Past Noble Grand of Evergreen Lodge #53, Past Chief Patriarch of Hildrith Encampment #17, and an Ensign in Canton Center #12 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Gary has also been instrumental in the continued restoration of the historic Odd Fellows Hall in Short Falls.

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

	Term Expires
Ashton E. Welch – Moderator	2001
Barbara Harkness – Assistant Moderator	2001

Selectmen

Laurence D. Yeaton	2001
Peter P. Bosiak	2002
John F. Hickey, Chairman	2003

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Dawn E. Blackwell	2003
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Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Lisa Cote	2003
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Treasurer

Paula S. Smith	2001
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Representative to the General Court

Tony F. Soltani
Charles Yeaton

Road Agent

Gregory Bowen, resigned May 26, 2000	
Henry Farrin, Jr., appointed to replace Gregory Bowen	2001

Supervisors of the Checklist

Barbara Smith	2002
Shirley Demers	2004
Marcia Crouse	2006

Ballot Clerks

Ruth Bachelder
Virginia Drew
June Pease
Barbara Wendler

Louise Carroll
Harvey Harkness
Ruth Sawyer
Charles Yeaton

Library Trustees

Marguerite Tucker
Harvey Harkness
Joyce Heck

Term Expires

2001
2002
2003

Librarian

Nancy Y. Claris

Assistant Librarian

Jeanette E. Winslow

Zoning Compliance Officer

Alfred E. Bickford

2001

Health Officer

Judith DeWitt

2001

Police Department

Henry L. Farrin, Jr., Chief - Appointed
Roger Amadon, Chief - Retired

Fulltime Officers

Eric Bourn, Supervisor
Robert Kitson
Wayne Preve

Part-time Officers

Joseph Orlando
Robert Hill

Overseer of Public Welfare

Patricia L. Hickey

Term Expires
2001

Cemetery Trustees

Gary Kitson

2001

Roland LaFleur

2002

William E. Clark

2003

Trustees of the Trust Funds

Roland LaFleur

2001

William E. Clark

2002

Beverly M. LaFleur

2003

Conservation Commission

Glenn Horner

2001

John F. Hickey

2002

Alfred G. Bickford

2002

Alison Parodi-Bieling

2003

Elsie Fife

2003

Charles Hersey

2003

Eric Orff

2003

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Keith Cota, Chairman

2001

Robert Berry

2001

Gordon Ellis

2001

Robert Poole, Alternate

2001

Lawrence W. Caraway, Jr.

2002

Frank Catanese

2003

Glenn Horner, Alternate

2003

Planning Board

Robert Berry

2001

Harvey Harkness

2001

Lawrence W. Caraway, Jr.

2002

Elizabeth Bosiak

2002

Peter Arvanitis, Alternate

2002

Constance Catanese, Chairperson

2003

Charles Cosseboom

2003

John F. Hickey, Selectmen's Delegate

Budget Committee

Term Expires

David Siress	2001
Steve Warner	2001
Sharon Soltani	2001
Frank Catanese	2002
Mary Frambach, Chairperson	2002
Thomas Langlais	2002
Alan Quimby	2003
Christopher Porter	2003
Laurence D. Yeaton, Selectmen's Delegate	

Park Commission

Richard M. Todd, Chairman, resigned
Norman Birch, Manager, resigned
Sarah Health, Manager
Philip E. Revitsky, Electrical
George s. Foster, 111, Maintenance
Ernest Robitaille, Grounds
Patrick Keeler, Scout Troop #80
Gary Perry, Cub Pack #80
Crystal Gosselin
Kim Keeler

Old Home Day Committee

Eleanor Ambs
Tracey Beauchesne
Scott Hahn
Steve Merrill
Debra Reeves
Gloria Reeves
Norma Smith

Kevin Reeves
Patricia Reeves
Robert M. Reeves
Spencer Reeves
Cindy Schaffer
Pam Smith
Sandra White

Fire Department Officers

**Chief, R. Stewart Yeaton
Deputy Chief, Dave Palermo
Captain, Floyd Graham, Fulltime
Lieutenant, Ron Delgado
Lieutenant, Larry Barton
Peter Lennon, Fulltime FF/EMT
Clerk, Linda Sawyer**

Epsom Rescue Squad Officers

**Captain, Matthew Moulton
Lieutenant, Barbara Barton
Lieutenant, Allana Mitchell
Clerk, Stacey Manning**

Forest Fire Warden

R. Stewart Yeaton

Civil Defense Director

Bruce R. Porter

EPSOM TOWN MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 5, 2000

The annual Town Meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM on Saturday, February 5, 2000.

Article 1: Shall the town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with this warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$1,388,853.15? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$1,359,784.09 which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by the previous action of the Town of Epsom or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

The Moderator read Article 1. Dan Bushey moved to amend Article 1 to appropriate \$120,000.00 to the Highway & Streets budget to be used in future maintenance of town roads as seen fit by the town road agent. Warren Rich seconded the amendment. After discussion, the question was called. The amendment was defeated.

Larry Yeaton moved to amend the bottom line \$1,388,853.15 by \$2,500.00 specifically to line item 4150-2-301 for auditing which brings the bottom line to \$1,391,353.15. Bernadette Pelzar seconded the amendment. The question was called. The amendment passed.

Joel Dail moved to amend Article 1 to reinstate \$10,000.00 to the Highway Department budget, line 4312-4-440. Roberta Mongeon seconded the amendment. The question was called after some discussion. The amendment failed.

There being no further discussion, Article 1 shall appear on the ballot as amended to read as follows:

Article 1: Shall the town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with this warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$1,391,353.15? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$1,359,784.09 which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by the previous action of the Town of Epsom or by

law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee).”

Article 2: To see if the municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,857,678.00 for the construction of a new Town Office/Library Building, and to authorize the issuance of no more than \$1,737,678.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore to authorize the Library Trustees to withdraw the sum of \$120,000.00 from the Library Building Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose? **(3/5 majority required). THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET AS DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 1.** (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

Estimated Tax Increase: \$1.23 in first year, per thousand
\$1.23 in the highest year, per thousand
\$0.58 in the last year, per thousand

The Moderator read Article 2. After discussion, the moderator called the question. Article 2 shall appear on the ballot as presented.

Article 3: If and only if the Warrant Article 2 proposing to issue a debt for the Town Center and Library shall fail, shall the town raise and appropriate \$250,000.00 for a Capital Reserve for a future town center including town offices and a new town library and appoint the Board of Selectmen as the agents for such funds. (Not recommended by the Selectmen) (Not recommended by the Budget Committee).

Estimated Tax Increase: \$1.67 for the year, per thousand

Article 3 was read. Ed Nutter moved to amend Article 3 to \$175,000.00 instead of \$250,000.00. Joyce Heck seconded the amendment. After discussion, the amendment passed.

Steve Warner moved to amend Article 3 to state, “If and only if the Warrant Article proposing to issue a debt for the Town Center and Library shall fail shall the town raise and appropriate 0 for a Capital Reserve for a future town center. “ Jeff Keeler seconded the amendment. After discussion, the question was called. The amendment passed.

There being no further discussion, Article 3 will appear on the ballot as amended to read as follows:

Article 3: If and only if the Warrant Article 2 proposing to issue a debt for the Town Center and Library shall fail, shall the town raise and appropriate \$0 for a Capital Reserve for a future town center including town offices and a new town library and appoint the Board of Selectmen as the agents for such funds? (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

Estimated Tax Increase: \$0 for the year, per thousand

Article 4: To see if the Municipality will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$814,000.00 for the re-construction of North Road, and to authorize the issuance of no more than \$574,000.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provision of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore to withdraw the sum of \$240,000.00 from the road re-construction Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose? **(3/5 majority required). THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET AS DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 1.** (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

Estimated Tax Increase: \$0.95 in first year, per thousand
\$0.95 in the highest year, per thousand
\$0.79 in the last year, per thousand

Article 4 was read. After discussion, the Moderator announced that Article 4 shall appear on the ballot as presented.

Article 5: If warrant Article 4 for the North Road project does not pass, shall the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,000.00 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the reconstruction and improvement of town roads. This Fund previously established for the reconstruction and improvement of town roads. **THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET AS DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 1.** (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

Tax Increase: \$0.83 for the year

Article 5 was read. Dan Bushey moved to amend the article to state that the money goes to North Road. After discussion, Dan Bushey withdrew his motion. There being no further discussion, Article 5 will appear on the ballot as presented.

Article 6: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 287-E relative to the sale of Lucky 7 tickets? (By petition).

Article 6 was read. After discussion, the question was called. Article 6 will appear on the ballot as presented.

Article 7: Are you in favor of authorizing the Board of Selectmen to appoint the Road Agent, and to discontinue the practice of electing the Road Agent?

Article 7 was read. There being no discussion, Article 7 shall appear on the ballot as presented.

Article 8: Shall the town accept the following trust funds for McClary Cemetery?

Ivan D. Rutherford	350.00
Pat Field	150.00
Bruce Pickering	500.00
Clyde Erno and Assigns	500.00
Charles and Kathleen Eastman	150.00
Georgiann DV Perry	<u>300.00</u>
Total	1950.00

Article 8 was read. There being no discussion, Article 8 shall appear on the ballot as presented.

At 1:45 PM the meeting was adjourned to the second session on Tuesday, March 14, 2000 at 8:00 AM at the Legion Hall to cast ballots.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Blackwell

Dawn Blackwell
Town Clerk

**EPSOM ELECTION RESULTS
MARCH 14, 2000**

SELECTMEN – 3 YEARS:	JOHN HICKEY	544
TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR – 3 YRS:	DAWN BLACKWELL	942
TREASURER – 1 YEAR:	PAULA ANDERSON	908
OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE- 1 YR:	PATRICIA L. HICKEY	859
TRUSTEE FOR TRUST FUNDS – 3 YEARS:	BEVERLY M. LAFLEUR	897
PLANNING BOARD – 3 YEARS:	CONSTANCE CATANESE	793
VOTE FOR TWO	CHARLES COSSEBOOM	45
PLANNING BOARD – 1 YEAR:	ROBERT W. BERRY	814
VOTE FOR TWO	HARVEY HARKNESS	12
LIBRARY TRUSTEE – 3 YEARS:	JOYCE HECK	860
CEMETERY TRUSTEE – 3 YEARS:	WILLIAM E. CLARK	892
BUDGET COMMITTEE – 3 YEARS:	CHRIS PORTER	754
VOTE FOR THREE	JOEL DAIL	737
	ALAN QUIMBY	7
BUDGET COMMITTEE – 2 YEARS:	THOMAS LANGLAIS	10
SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST – 6 YRS:	MARCIA CROUSE	884

ZONING BALLOT QUESTIONS

Article 1: Are you in favor of the adoption of a comprehensive amendment which would regulate the construction and use of telecommunications towers subjecting the same to the approval of the Planning Board and a special exception from the Zoning Board? (Recommended by the Planning Board).

YES 739 NO 260

Article 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of a comprehensive amendment which would restrict the construction of manufactured housing units to the manufactured housing parks and, among other requirements, would limit the possible number of

permits to construct manufactured housing units in Epsom until 2005? (Recommended by the Planning Board).

YES 615

NO 393

Article 3: Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment which would increase the set back requirement in both the Residential/Agriculture and Residential/Commercial zones from thirty (30) feet to fifty (50) feet? (Recommended by the Planning Board).

YES 584

NO 406

WARRANT ARTICLES AS MODIFIED ON FEBRUARY 5, 2000

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YES 640

NO 316

Article 2: Shall the municipality raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,857,678.00 for the construction of a new Town Office/Library Building, and authorize the issuance of no more than \$1,737,678.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), and authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore authorize the Library Trustees to withdraw the sum of \$120,000.00 from the Library Building Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose? (3/5 majority required). **THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET AS DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 1.** (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

Estimated Tax Increase:

\$1.23 in first year, per thousand

\$1.23 in the highest year, per thousand

\$0.58 in the last year, per thousand

This is to be an approximate 20 year term.

YES 526

NO 466

595 NEEDED TO PASS

Article 3: If and only if the Warrant Article 2 proposing to issue a debt for the Town Center and Library shall fail, shall the town raise and appropriate \$0 for a Capital

Reserve for a future town center including town offices and a new town library and appoint the Board of Selectmen as the agents for such funds? (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

Estimated Tax Increase: \$0 for the year, per thousand

YES 585

NO 296

Article 4: Shall the municipality raise and appropriate the sum of \$814,000.00 for the re-construction of North Road, and authorize the issuance of no more than \$574,000.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provision of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), and authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore to withdraw the sum of \$240,000.00 from the road re-construction Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose? (3/5 majority required). **THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET AS DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 1.** (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

Estimated Tax Increase: \$0.95 in first year, per thousand
\$0.95 in the highest year, per thousand
\$0.79 in the last year, per thousand
This is to be an approximate 5 year term.

RECOUNT: YES 574 NO 403 586 NEEDED TO PASS
YES 573 NO 404

Article 5: If warrant Article 4 for the North Road project does not pass, shall the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,000.00 to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the reconstruction and improvement of town roads? This Fund previously established for the reconstruction and improvement of town roads. **THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET AS DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 1.** (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

Tax Increase: \$0.83 for the year

YES 683

NO 271

Article 6: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 287-E relative to the sale of Lucky 7 tickets? (By petition).

YES 515

NO 371

Article 7: Are you in favor of authorizing the Board of Selectmen to appoint the Road Agent, and to discontinue the practice of electing the Road Agent?

YES 350

NO 612

Article 8: Shall the town accept the following trust funds for McClary Cemetery?

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Georgiann DV Perry	<u>300.00</u>
Total	1950.00

YES 940

NO 32

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Dawn Gledhill
Town Clerk

SELECTMAN

For 3 Years Vote for ONE
ROBERT W. BERRY
GREGORY BOWEN

(Write-in)

ROAD AGENT

For 2 Years Vote for ONE
JOEL DAIL

(Write-in)

MODERATOR

For 2 Years Vote for ONE
ASHTON E. WELCH

(Write-in)

TREASURER

For 1 Year Vote for ONE
PAULA S. SMITH

(Write-in)

OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE

For 1 Year Vote for ONE
PATRICIA L. HICKEY

(Write-in)

TRUSTEE FOR TRUST FUNDS

For 3 Years Vote for ONE
ROLAND R. LAFLEUR

(Write-in)

PLANNING BOARD

For 3 Years Vote for TWO
MARK RIEDEL

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

For 3 Years Vote for ONE
ROBERTA "BOBBY" MONGEON

(Write-in)

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

For 3 Years Vote for ONE
GARY KITSON

(Write-in)

BUDGET COMMITTEE

For 3 Years Vote for THREE
DAVID W. GOULET
HARVEY F. HARKNESS
SHARON E. SOLTANI
STEVE WARNER

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

BUDGET COMMITTEE

For 2 Years Vote for ONE
MARGUERITE S. "PEGGY" TUCKER
SANDIE WHITE

(Write-in)

2001 EPSOM ZONING BALLOT QUESTIONS

Article 1: Are you in favor of adoption of an ordinance regulating the motorized vehicle sale facilities to permit them in the residential/commercial zone subject to a special exception; but not

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Dawn Blackwell
Town Clerk

within 1,000 feet of another such facility? (Recommended by the Planning Board).

YES NO

Article 2: Are you in favor of adoption of an amendment to the home occupation ordinance specifying the method of calculating the area (square footage) and modifying the restrictions on hours of operation? (Recommended by the Planning Board).

YES NO

Article 3: Are you in favor of adoption of an ordinance prohibiting the permanent construction of manufactured housing units to house business or commercial enterprises; but expressly allowing the temporary placement of construction trailers? (Recommended by the Planning Board).

YES NO

Article 4: Are you in favor of adoption of an amendment to the manufactured housing ordinance removing the sunset (expiration) provision of the ordinance; thereby making it permanent? (Recommended by the Planning Board).

YES NO

Article 5: Are you in favor of adoption of an amendment to the zoning ordinances explicitly describing the potential remedies and penalties for violations of the zoning ordinances? (Recommended by the Planning Board).

YES NO

Article 6: Are you in favor of adoption of an amendment to the zoning ordinances permitting the placement of signs for farms subject to certain restriction on size, location and number of such signs? (Recommended by the Planning Board).

YES NO

Article 7: Are you in favor of adoption of an ordinance requiring the removal of signs erected by businesses that have ceased operating for at least one year? (Recommended by the Planning Board).

YES NO

Article 8: Are you in favor of adoption of an amendment adding the repair and service of "heavy equipment" to the list of principal uses under the automotive repair and service enterprises? (Recommended by the Planning Board).

YES NO

Article 9: Are you in favor of adoption of an amendment to the sign ordinance explicitly prohibiting the use of permanent internally lit signs? (Recommended by the Planning Board).

YES NO

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Dawn Blackwell
Town Clerk

Article 10: Are you in favor of adoption of an amendment incorporating the meaning of the terms "agriculture, farm and farming" as those defined by New Hampshire law which broadly include all said farming and animal husbandry? (Recommended by the Planning Board).

YES NO

Article 11: Are you in favor of adoption of an amendment to the ordinance regulating the construction of telecommunication towers, further expanding the elements of consideration for approving or denying applications for construction of such towers? (Recommended by the Planning Board).

YES NO

Article 12: Are you in favor of adoption of a comprehensive amendment generally revising the application and permit process required for the construction of telecommunication towers? (Recommended by the Planning Board).

YES NO

**TOWN OF EPSOM WARRANT ARTICLES AS MODIFIED ON
FEBUARY 3, 2001**

Article 1: Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with this warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$1,570,086.00? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$1,391,653.00 which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by the previous action of the Town of Epsom or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

YES NO

Article 2: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to the new library collection fund for the purpose of expanding the Epsom Public Library book and non-book collection in the new library? **THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET AS DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 1.** (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

Estimated Tax Increase would be \$.06 per thousand.

YES NO

Article 3: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand four hundred dollars (\$4,400.00) to repair or replace the existing roof of the Epsom Public Library? **THIS**

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MARCH 13,2001

Dawn Blackwell
Town Clerk

IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET AS DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 1. (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

Estimated Tax Increase would \$.03 per thousand.

YES NO

Article 4: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) to add to the library capital reserve fund for the purpose of constructing a library facility for the Town of Epsom? **THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET AS DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 1.** (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee).

Estimated Tax Increase would be \$.63 per thousand.

YES NO

Article 5: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) to be expended on the purchase of land on which to construct town offices and a library facility and any incidental expenses thereto for the Town of Epsom? **THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET AS DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 1.** (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee).

Estimated Tax Increase would be \$.31 per thousand.

YES NO

Article 6: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to be used together with an additional eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00) from the Police Department budget if approved as a part of question one in order to pay for one-half year's salary and benefits for one additional full time police officer to be hired in 2001? **THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET AS DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 1.** (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee).

Estimated Tax Increase would be \$.06 per thousand.

YES NO

Article 7: Shall the Town consider the proposal to purchase a new four-wheel drive police vehicle at a future date? (Recommended by the Selectmen)

YES NO

Article 8: Shall the Town of Epsom discontinue the practice of electing a road agent and authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint the road agent?

YES NO

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MARCH 13, 2001

Dawn Blackwell

Town Clerk

Article 9: Shall the Town of Epsom appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 obtained from a settlement paid to the Town involving the King's Grant Manufactured Housing Park; to be added to the principal of the Lillian Morrison Town fund to be administered under the terms and conditions of the said trust? (Recommended by the Selectmen).

YES NO

Article 10: Shall the Town of Epsom, having a master plan adopted by the Planning Board on September 12, 2000, authorize the Planning Board to prepare and amend a program of municipal improvements projected over a period of at least six years, consistent with RSA 674:5?

YES NO

Article 11: Shall the Town of Epsom raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to be added to the capital reserve fund established in 1998 for the purpose of re-evaluation of taxable properties within the Town? **MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED; THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 1.** (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

Estimated Tax Increase would be \$.09 per thousand.

YES NO

Article 12: Shall the Town of Epsom raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,000.00 to be added to the capital reserve fund previously established for the purpose of reconstruction and improvement of town roads? **MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED; THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 1.** (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

Estimated Tax Increase would be \$.75 per thousand.

YES NO

Article 13: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000.00 for improving, paving and resurfacing town roads? **THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET AS DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 1.** (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

Estimated Tax Increase would be \$.38 per thousand.

YES NO

Article 14: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 for the purpose of reconstruction of the bridge on Center Hill Road? **THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET AS DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 1.** (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee).

Estimated Tax Increase would be \$.31 per thousand.

YES NO

OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
EPSOM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 13,2001

Dawn Blockwell

Town Clerk

Article 15: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,680.00 to be used in conjunction with funds currently proposed in the fire and rescue budget which are currently used to pay for part-time EMT coverage? This appropriation would be used to hire a full-time firefighter/paramedic and will increase the full-time coverage from nine (9) hours per day to twelve (12) hours per day and from five (5) days per week to six (6) days per week? **THIS IS A SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLE AND ITS APPROPRIATION IS IN ADDITION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET AS DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 1.** (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Recommended by the Budget Committee).

Estimated Tax Increase would be \$.01 per thousand.

YES NO

Article 16: Shall the Town appropriate the sum of \$9,551.00 from the Epsom fire-rescue apparatus trust fund; which was previously raised and placed in the said fund; to be used together with \$73,900.00 from the ambulance replacement capital reserve fund; which was also previously raised and placed in the said fund; in order to replace the present ambulance and to outfit a new ambulance for service? (Recommended by the Selectmen).

YES NO

Article 17: Shall the provisions for voting by official ballot on all issues before the Town of Epsom under RSA 40:13 be limited to the election of officers and certain other questions? **BY PETITION.**

This article will rescind the Official Ballot Law, and reinstate the system of voting at Town Meetings which had been in effect prior to the adoption of SB2.

YES NO

Article 18: Shall the Town authorize the Moderator to appoint a panel to study whether the Town would be better served by a 5 member Board of Selectmen instead of a 3 member Board of Selectmen? **BY PETITION.**

YES NO

Article 19: Shall the Town establish an impact and feasibility study to re-open and maintain and repair in suitable condition for travel a portion of "scenic road" located on Sanborn Hill Road from the residence of John Hickey to the Smith property (approximately 1800 feet) as well as all other Class 6 roads in Epsom? In 1988 Sanborn Hill Road was voted "scenic" under the provisions of RSA 231:157-158 from Center Hill Road to the Smith property. **BY PETITION.**

YES NO

BUDGET AS AMENDED FEBRUARY 3, 2001

Budget - Town of Epsom, NH FY 2001

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3, V)	WARR. ART. #	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DFA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
GENERAL GOVERNMENT								
4130-4139	Executive		121,067	84,110	130,176			
4140-4149	Election, Reg & Vital Statistics		31,964	31,672	32,019			
4150-4151	Financial Administration		67,698	62,853	75,106			
4152	Revaluation of Property		1	0	1			
4153	Legal Expense							
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		9,570	10,144	10,000			
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		36,784	28,444	33,725			
4194	General Government Buildings		5,075	6,643	7,811			
4195	Cemeteries		6,000	5,998	6,000			
4196	Insurance		1,000	0	1,000			
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.							
4199	Other General Government							
PUBLIC SAFETY								
4210-4214	Police		236,130	218,260	271,859			
4215-4219	Ambulance		87,717	83,994	118,330			
4220-4229	Fire		150,144	146,458	156,945			
4240-4249	Building Inspection							
4250-4258	Emergency Management		230	0	230			
4299	Other (Including Communications)							
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER								
4301-4309	Airport Operations							
HIGHWAYS & STREETS								
4311	Administration		71,148	82,850	107,528			
4312	Highways & Streets		210,000	177,368	299,000			
4313	Bridges		1,000	0	1,000			

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3, V)	WARR. ART. #	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DPA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	RECOMMENDED ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	NOT RECOMMENDED ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	RECOMMENDED ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	NOT RECOMMENDED ENSUING FISCAL YEAR
HIGHWAYS & STREETS cont.								
4316	Street Lighting		500	388	500			
4319	Other (Fire Roads)		1,000	0	2,000			
SANITATION								
4321	Administration							
4323	Solid Waste Collection							
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		169,550	169,550	169,550			
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up							
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other							
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT								
4331	Administration							
4332	Meter Services		3,000	3,000	3,000			
4335-4339	Meter Treatment, Conserv. & Other							
ELECTRIC								
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation							
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance							
4359	Other Electric Costs							
HEALTH/WELFARE								
4411	Administration		1,950	1,958	2,461			
4414	Pest Control		4,000	600	4,192			
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		8,392	8,392	8,562			
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		13,138	10,570	12,053			
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymits							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other		84,785	30,434	56,395			

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 321:3,V)	Appropriations		Actual		SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATION		
		WARR. Prior Year As ANT.# Approved by DRA	Expenditures Prior Year	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	
CULTURE & RECREATION										
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		7,610	5,810		16,270				
4550-4559	Library		48,700	46,800		58,948				
4583	Patriotic Purposes		700	1,049		800				
4589	Other Culture & Recreation		1,000	1,000		1,900				
CONSERVATION										
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources		500	700		1,725				
4619	Other Conservation									
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMENT & HOUSING									
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT									
DEBT SERVICE										
4711	Princ. - Long Term Bonds & Notes									
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes									
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		1,000	0		1,000				
4790-4799	Other Debt Service									
CAPITAL OUTLAY										
4901	Land									
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment									
4903	Buildings									
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.									
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT										
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		10,000	10,000		10,000				
4913	To Capital Projects Fund									
4914	To Enterprise Fund									
	Saver-									
	Water-									

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3, VI, as appropriations 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriations to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trusts funds; or 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

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Acct.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	APPROPRIATIONS		Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATION	
		WARR. PRIOR YEAR 3a ART.# APPROVED BY DRA			ENSURING FISCAL YEAR RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	ENSURING FISCAL YEAR RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	Library Book Fund	#2			\$ 10,000		\$ 10,000	
	Library Roof Rep.	#3			4,400		4,400	
	Library Facility	#4			100,000			100,000
	Library Land Pur.	#5			50,000			50,000
	Fulltime Police Off.	#6			10,000			10,000
	SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX

“INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES”

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". An example of an individual warrant article might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

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Acct.									
SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX			XXXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXXX

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Acct.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 321:3, V)	WARR. ART.#	Appropriations		SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATION	
			Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	ENSURING FISCAL YEAR RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	ENSURING FISCAL YEAR RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	Re-Valuation	#11			15,000		15,000	
	Reconst. of Town Rds.	#12			120,000		120,000	
	Resurfacing Roads	#13			60,000		60,000	
	Reconst. of Center Hill	#14			50,000			50,000
	Fire/Rescue Coverage	#15			1,680		1,680	
	SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	421,080	XXXXXXXXXX	211,080	(210,000)
								XXXXXXXXXX

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					ENSURING FISCAL YEAR RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	ENSURING FISCAL YEAR RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
	L.M. Town Trust	# 9			\$ 5,000			
	F/R App.Trust & Cap.Rk	#16			83,451			
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Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUES ENSUING YEAR
TAXES			XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes		20,000	17,070	15,000
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		6,100	9,513	9,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		13,500	13,500	16,500
3189	Other Taxes		68	97	0
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		70,000	47,832	35,000
	Inventory Penalties		5,000	6,848	6,000
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		383	383	300
3188	Excavation Activity Tax		2,000	2,086	2,000
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits				
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		500,000	613,735	600,000
3230	Building Permits		5,200	11,979	11,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		6,000	8,232	7,500
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
FROM STATE			XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		21,138	21,138	21,138
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		90,679	90,679	90,000
3353	Highway Block Grant		86,905	86,905	86,900
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement				
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)			904	0
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		80,000	90,814	80,000
3409	Other Charges		11,000	11,084	11,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		20,000	9,504	0
3502	Interest on Investments		35,000	156,504	100,000
3503-3509	Other		25,000	39,781	35,000
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				

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Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUES ENSUING YEAR
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN cont. XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX					
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds				
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds		2,190	2,190	4,900
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX					
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")				
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes		140,000		
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			1,140,163	1,240,778	1,131,238

"BUDGET SUMMARY"

	SELECTION'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from page 5)	1,600,086	1,570,086
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 6)	421,080	211,080
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 6)		
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	2,021,166	1,781,166
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above, column 6)	1,131,238	1,131,238
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	889,928	649,928

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: \$ 175,417.00
(See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

NOTES



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November 22, 2000

Board of Selectmen
Town of Epsom
Epsom, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Town of Epsom, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 1999, we considered the Town's internal control structure to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

However, during our audit we became aware of several matters that are opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency. The memorandum that accompanies this letter summarizes our comments and suggestions regarding those matters and also reviews the status of the prior year's findings and recommendations. This letter does not affect our report dated November 22, 2000 on the financial statements of the Town of Epsom, New Hampshire.

We will review the status of these comments during our next audit engagement. We have already discussed many of these comments and suggestions with various Town personnel, and we will be pleased to discuss them in further detail at your convenience, to perform any additional study of these matters, or to assist you in implementing the recommendations.

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STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR'S FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**GENERAL FUND:****MONTHLY RECONCILIATIONS OF BALANCE SHEET ACCOUNTS**

Finding/Recommendation - One important aspect of effective internal controls over all accounts on the general ledger is the **timely and complete reconciliation** of the balance sheet accounts monthly balances. We had noted during the prior year's audit, that reconciliations on accounts other than cash, were not done. It is extremely important that month end reconciliations of all balance sheet accounts be done as part of the normal month end reconciliation process.

Status - This was addressed with the new bookkeeper in a training session with Mason + Rich, P.A. in the year 2000.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE RECONCILED TO OPEN INVOICE REPORT

Finding/Recommendation - The monthly reconciliation of the accounts payable account on the general ledger to the accounts payable module is an important aspect of effective internal controls over payables. We recommended that an open invoice item report, vendor totals only, be run on a monthly basis. This report must then be reconciled to the general ledger accounts payable balance from the general ledger report for the accounts payable account that was run at the same time. Any differences need to be noted and reviewed.

Status - This issue was addressed with the new bookkeeper in the year 2000 and appears to have been corrected.

FEES COLLECTED FOR AND REMITTED TO THE STATE

Finding/Recommendation - We had noted that the fees collected for and remitted to the State for marriage licenses, etc.. were posted to a combination of liability, revenue and expenditure accounts. We recommended that the receipts be posted to the applicable liability accounts, with subsequent payments to the State posted to the account also.

Status - This issue was addressed and corrected with the new bookkeeper.

STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR'S FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (continued):**HEALTH INSURANCE WITHHOLDINGS AND REIMBURSEMENTS**

Finding/Recommendation - We had noted during the prior year's audit that payments received from individuals participating under the health insurance program were posted to a revenue account. However, the amounts that were paid to the insurance carrier by the Town for the coverage were posted to a liability account. Consequently, both accounts were overstated. We recommended that the receipts and payments be posted to the same liability account (A/P Insurance Withheld - #01.2025.3-001) and the ending balance in the account be reconciled at the end of each month.

Status - We noted that reimbursement from the Library was not done again this year. This problem was addressed with the new bookkeeper and the procedures updated.

LIBRARY:

Finding/Recommendation - We noted during the audit that the Library Building Fund checking account had several checks that were signed in advance by an authorized signer on the account. Checks should be signed only at the time of issue. If checks are pre-signed, there is a chance of potential abuse. In signing the checks at the time of issue, this will ensure that all withdrawals are authorized by all parties.

Status - During our audit no exceptions were noted.

ROAD BONDS:

Finding/Recommendation - We noted that proper documentation is not being kept for acceptance of new funds and for the release of funds. A simple form should be setup as a contract when new funds are taken. This form should be signed by the individual giving the Town the money and the Board of Selectmen. For any release of funds, another form should be setup to show approval has been given to return the funds. In doing this, it gives the Treasurer proper information that supports the acceptance and release of funds.

Status - No exceptions were noted in the current year.

CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

LIBRARY:

Finding - Library Trustees appear to have misplaced a few passbooks. Also, accurate data on the activity was not maintained.

Recommendation - Accurate records of emorial Funds on hand and their balances should be maintained.

Status - This issue has been addressed.

PAYROLL:

Finding - We noted that paper documentation of employee pay rates was not maintained. Accordingly, employee pay rates could not be confirmed.

Recommendation - A department list should be maintained with effective pay rates and showing Selectmen's approval of these rates.

Status - This issue has been addressed.



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January 18, 2001

Board of Selectmen
Town of Epsom
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We will perform our audit field work at the Town Office for the 2000 audit in April 2001. We expect at this time, if all information is available for our audit, that you would have draft reports for your review and comment within three weeks of the completion of our audit field work, with final reports being issued shortly after that date.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Very truly yours,

Mason + Rich, P.A.

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2000 Selectmen's Report

Land:

Current Use Values	\$ 829,301.00
Residential	45,084,398.00
Commercial	11,466,700.00
Industrial	164,500.00

Total Taxable Property **\$ 57,544,899.00**

Buildings:

Residential	\$ 77,613,900.00
Mobile Homes	7,864,100.00
Commercial	13,724,778.00
Industrial	764,150.00

Total Taxable Buildings **\$ 99,966,928.00**

Total Public Utilities **1,873,884.00**

Total Value Before Exemptions **\$ 159,385,711.00**

Less Blind Exemptions **30,000.00**

Less Elderly Exemptions **803,250.00**

**Net Valuation on which the Tax Rate for Municipality,
County and Local Education Tax is Computed** **\$ 158,552,461.00**

Less Public Utilities **1,873,884.00**

**Net Valuation without Utilities on which Tax Rate for
State Educational Tax is Computed** **\$ 156,678,577.00**

Total Property Taxes Assessed **\$ 3,463,233.00**

Less Estimated War Service Tax Credits **35,440.00**

Total Property Tax Committed **\$ 3,427,793.00**

Late Inventory Penalties **6,841.90**

TOTAL PROPERTY TAX COMMITMENT **\$ 3,434,634.90**

BREAKDOWN OF TAX RATE

Town	\$ 2.75
Local School	10.43
County	2.21
State Educational Tax	6.53
Total	\$21.92

**Property Tax Rate per \$1,000 of Valuation
Equalization Ration 98%**

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The Selectmen would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who have donated their time and energy for the benefit of the Town of Epsom.

Thanks to the Planning Board and Master Plan committee members for their immense and continuing efforts in developing a Master Plan and Capitol Improvement Plan. Our special thanks to Connie Catanese for her dedication and organizational skills. Anyone interested in working with the committee, please contact the Selectmen's Office 736-9002.

We would also like to thank the many people who donated money, food, and gifts for the less fortunate during the holiday season.

We appreciate the volunteers of the Epsom Fire Department who, once again, have given selflessly of their time and energy. Their dedication is to be commended.

This past year has seen some changes in department head personnel. Henry Farin filled the position left vacated by Police Chief, Roger Amadon. Roger has retired after many years of service. The Road Agent, Greg Bowen, took a position with the town of Loudon and, to date, the position of Road Agent remains unfilled. We wish Roger and Greg well in their future endeavors.

The Selectmen have begun working with the town engineering firm of SEA to develop a comprehensive road management plan. This plan will survey every town road and prioritize the needed road repairs. It is our goal to implement this road management plan this year.

Thank you to all who are involved in making Epsom a great place to live.

Respectfully submitted,

Epsom Board of Selectmen
John F. Hickey
Lawrence D. Yeaton
Peter P. Bosiak

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

AND
EXPENDITURES FOR 2000

Purpose of Appropriation	2000 Actual	2000 Encumbered	2000 Reimb.	From Capitol Reserve Funds	2000 Total Available	2000 Expenditures	Exp. Cap. Res.	Under/(Over) Expended
Executive Office	96,067				96,067	75,462		20,605
Election & Registration	31,964				31,964	35,321		(3,357)
Financial Administration	67,698				67,698	68,259		(561)
Legal Expense	25,001				25,001	8,648		16,353
Worker's Compensation	36,570				9,570	10,144		(574)
Planning & Zoning	36,784	8,500			45,284	36,944		8,340
General Govt. Bldgs.	5,075				5,075	6,643		(1,568)
Cemeteries	6,000				6,000	5,998		2
Insurance	1,000				1,000	0		1,000
Police Department	236,130				236,130	218,191		17,939
Ambulance	87,717				87,717	83,994		3,723
Fire Department	150,144				150,144	146,458		3,686
Emergency Management	230				230	0		230
Highway Administration	71,148				71,148	81,880		(10,732)
Highway-Summer/Winter	210,000				210,000	177,368		32,632
Highway-Bridges	1,000				1,000	0		1,000
Street Lighting	500				500	388		112
Fire Roads	1,000				1,000	0		1,000
Road Reconstruction-North Rd.	169,550			321,638	169,550	0	321,638	0
Solid Waste Disposal	3,000				3,000	169,550		0
Water Services	1,950				1,950	3,000		0
Health Administration	4,000				4,000	1,958		(3,400)
Pest Control	8,392				600	8,392		0
VNA & CAP	13,138				13,138	10,570		2,568
Welfare Administration	84,785				86,877	30,434		56,443
Welfare-Vendor Payments	7,610		2,092		7,610	5,810		1,800
Parks & Recreation	48,700				48,700	46,800		1,900
Library	700				700	1,049		(349)
Patriotic Purposes	1,000				1,000	1,000		0
Town Band	500				500	700		(200)
Conservation Commission	1,000				1,000	0		1,000
Interest-Tans	10,000	10,000			20,000	20,000		0
Special Revenue Funds	120,000				120,000	120,000		0
Capitol Reserve Funds	1,511,353	18,500	2,092	321,638	1,531,945	1,375,561	321,638	156,384

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

U-04-52, U-04-02	
Town Hall, Land and Building	130,400.00
Furniture and equipment	39,300.00
U-05-05	
Library, Land and Building	110,200.00
Furniture and equipment	24,850.00
U-05-53	
Police Station, Land and Building	532,050.00
Furniture and equipment	77,050.00
U-04-41, U-04-43-02	
Fire Station, Land and Building	570,200.00
Furniture and equipment	451,000.00
U-15-06, U-15-08	
Parks, Commons and Playground	
Land and Building	221,500.00
U-01-01, U-04-34, U-13-54	
Water Precinct Facility	
Land and Building	114,250.00
Equipment	184,778.00
U-13-58	
School, Land and Building	4,714,700.00
Furniture and equipment	285,000.00
U-06-03	
Highway Department, Land	22,800.00
Equipment	15,000.00
R-02-03	
Land, New Rye Road, .34 Acres	14,600.00
R-04-01	
Land, Tarleton Road (Conservation Deed)	
148 Acres	64,400.00

R-04-02		
	Land, Tarleton Road (Forest, Conservation Deed)	68,200.00
	170 Acres	
R-12-05		
	Land, near Deer Meadow, 2.3 Acres	21,300.00
R-04-04		
	Land, Fort Mountain (Forest, Conservation Deed)	64,200.00
R-14-14		
	Land, Range Road, 10 Acres	14,500.00
R-07-04		
	Land, Off Suncook Valley Highway	3,200.00
R-09-51		
	Land, Part of Echo Valley Subdivision	16,000.00
	12 Acres	
R-03-18 B		
	Land, Kettle Rock Road, 12.9 Acres	12,800.00
R-03-41-01		
	Land, Mount Delight Road, 15.26 Acres	11,150.00
R-10-08 A		
	Land, Lillian Bronstein Conservation Area	3,400.00
R-14-19-01		
	Land, Off Locke Hill Road, 50 Acres	19,000.00
		\$ 7,805,828.00

Property Deeded to Town 03-06-2000

U-11-11-05	
M/H, 2B Street	11,800.00
U-04-17-016	
M/H, 22 Breezy Acres M/H Park	7,400.00
U-16-08-01-020	
M/H, 6 Lincoln Street	37,200.00
U-01-068	
Land, Northwood Lake, .239 Acres	9,000.00
R-02-37 A	
Land, Off Wing Road, 23.9 Acres	14,350.00
	\$ 79,750.00

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS 2000

Property Tax Revenues	\$ 3,208,273.26
Property Tax Revenues-previous years	212,623.06
Previous Years Tax Lien	74,197.31
Redeemed Tax-prior year	51,243.80
Current Use Tax-current year	17,069.96
Current Use Tax-prior years	2,215.33
Yield Tax-current year	9,512.63
Yield Tax-prior years	171.88
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	13,500.00
Excavation Tax	2,468.29
Interest & Cost on property Taxes	17,208.15
Miscellaneous	97.04
Current Tax Lien charges	5,489.72
Other Interest	243.89
Redeemed Interest & Cost	22,317.19
Inventory Penalties	6,865.78
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	596,710.20
Motor Vehicle Registration Fees	2,352.00
UCC Filing Fees	3,294.54
Municipal Fees	11,378.00
Buildings Permits	11,219.00
Occupancy Permits	760.00
Dog Licenses	4,884.50
Dog License Fines	627.00
State Marriage License Fees	1,178.00
Town Marriage License Fees	217.00
Vital Statistics-Birth & Deaths (State)	795.00
Vital Statistics-Birth & Deaths (Town)	425.00
Current Use Registration	90.00
Candidate Fees	16.00
Shared Revenue Block Grant	35,577.00
Highway Block Grant	86,904.85
State Witness Fees	904.25
Rooms & Meals Tax	90,678.90
Police Detail	1,019.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment Fees	1,207.00
Planning & Zoning Fees	3,738.70
Pistol Permits	600.00
Town Office Expense	3,698.03
Ambulance Revenue	80,551.12
Income from Franchise Services	11,008.77
N.S.F. Charges	75.00

Sale of Town Owned Properties	8,867.92
Sale of Tax Deeded Properties	485.60
Sale of Cemetery Lots	150.00
Interest on Checking Account	156,504.46
Court Fines	2,219.00
Police Reports	2,410.00
Reimbursements-Health Insurance	10,764.09
Revenue from Insurance Dividends	4,287.59
Revenue from Welfare Reimbursements	2,092.14
Payroll Taxes-Library	5,369.91
Revenue from Fire Department Reimbursements	100.00
Revenue from Police Department	2,531.30
Revenue from Boat Tax	19,140.71
Morrison Account-Police	2,190.00
Cemetery Trustees Reimbursement	1,503.53
Junk Yard Permits	75.00
Revenue from Engineering Deposits	5,421.99
Trust Funds- North Road Project	321,638.49
Auditor's Adjustment	.80
TOTAL	\$ 5,139,158.68

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS 2000

Executive Office	\$ 75,462.17
Election & Registration	35,321.23
Financial Administration	68,258.90
Legal Expense	8,647.96
Personnel Administration-Worker's Compensation	10,143.97
Planning Board	15,818.37
Zoning Board of Adjustment	2,791.60
Zoning Compliance Officer	9,833.63
General Government Buildings	6,642.61
Cemeteries	5,998.08
Police Department	218,191.48
Ambulance Department	83,993.99
Fire Department	146,457.92
Highway Department Administration	81,880.43
Highways-Street Maintenance	499,006.38
Street Lighting	388.16
Solid Waste Disposal	169,550.15
Water-Hydrant Rental & Water Usage	3,000.00
Health Administration	1,957.72
Animal Control	600.31
Visiting Nurse Association	5,000.00
Community Action Program	3,392.00
Welfare Administration	10,570.40
Welfare-Vendor Payments	30,433.89
Parks & Recreation	5,810.27
Library	46,800.00
Patriotic Purposes	1,048.78
Band	1,000.00
Conservation Commission	700.00
Capitol Outlay	28,500.00
Capital Reserve Funds	120,000.00
Payments to County	354,744.00
Payment to School District	2,411,043.00
Witness Reimbursement	68.50
Planning Board Escrow	10,331.02
Bank Services	95.25
Library Payroll Taxes	5,369.91
Tax Lien for 1999 Taxes	107,514.96
Health Insurance Payments	10,764.09
*Un-reconciled to Treasurer's Report	<u>2,755.47</u>
TOTAL	\$ 4,599,886.60

*Auditors in process of researching

EMPLOYEE WAGES 2000

Roger W. Amadon, Former Police Chief	\$ 28,222.04
Barbara M. Barton, Fire/Rescue	972.00
Larry D. Barton, Fire/Rescue	575.00
William Barton, Fire/Rescue	475.00
Sheryl G. Belair, Selectmen's Recording Secretary	1,995.00
Deborah Black, Fire/Rescue	6,664.75
Dawn E. Blackwell, Tax Collector/Town Clerk	26,952.67
Peter P. Bosiak, Selectman	1,600.00
Eric A. Bourn, Full Time Police Officer	5,867.20
Gregory S. Bowen, Former Road Agent	17,824.28
Bryan Bruce, Fire/Rescue	3,976.50
Derek Carignan, Fire/Rescue	475.00
Frank T. Cassidy, Former Full Time Police Officer	24,000.65
Nancy Y. Claris, Librarian	17,812.35
Brenda J. Corliss, Former Secretary/Bookkeeper	4,142.95
Lisa A. Cote, Deputy Tax Collector/Deputy Town Clerk	5,226.17
Matthew Cox, Fire/Rescue	3,233.25
Stephanie D. Cross, Fire/Rescue	475.00
Marcia F. Crouse, Supervisor of Checklist	200.00
Joel P. Dail, Full Time Highway Department	24,043.64
Ron Delgado, Fire/Rescue	675.00
Shirley M. Demers, Supervisor of Checklist	200.00
Judith M. DeWitt, Health Officer, Recording Secretary for Planning, Zoning & Budget Committee	3,872.00
Henry L. Farrin, Jr., Police Chief , Temporary Road Agent	33,232.55
Thomas H. Ferguson, Fire/Rescue	3,431.25
Joel S. French, Fire/Rescue	925.50
William L. French, Fire/Rescue	525.00
Gregory d. Gagnon, Fire/Rescue	468.00
Robert Gauthier, Former Part Time Police Officer	1,846.40
Floyd P. Graham, Full Time Ambulance Department	33,616.63
Rita Graham, Fire/Rescue	475.00
Jon E. Harwood, Jr., Fire/Rescue	200.00
John F. Hickey, Selectman	1,600.00
Patricia L. Hickey, Welfare Officer	9,627.95
Robert A. Hill, Part Time Police Officer	4,254.34
Michael L. Hoisington, Fire/Rescue	567.00
Travis Keeler, Fire/Rescue	100.00
Robert C. Kitson, Full Time Police Officer	24,920.35
Beverly LaFleur, Trustee of Trust Funds	200.00
Peter Lennon , Full Time Fire Department	25,746.82
Brenda Levesque, Fire/Rescue	2,046.00

Stacey L. Manning, Fire/Rescue	1,262.50
Robert A. Martel, Fire/Rescue	275.00
Anastasia F. McIntire	1,953.00
Allana Mitchell, Fire/Rescue	1,019.50
Matthew M. Moulton, Fire/Rescue	1,399.50
Adam Orff, Fire/Rescue	100.00
Joseph P. Orlando, Jr., Part Time Police Officer	3,367.91
David M. Palermo, Fire/Rescue	1,574.00
Elmer H. Palmer, Jr., Part Time Highway Department	3,213.00
Barbara J. Pellegrini, Secretary/Bookkeeper	9,605.00
Sarah Pickard, Library Page	632.50
Wayne Preve, Full Time Police Officer	9,678.44
Alan S. Quimby, Fire/Rescue	36.68
Gail M. Quimby, Secretary, Police Department	15,873.45
Robert G. Reed, Jr., Fire/Rescue	475.00
April A. Reed, Fire/Rescue	475.00
Gloria J. Reeves, Office Manager	20,288.10
Robert E. Sawyer, Jr., Fire/Rescue	475.00
Linda E. Sawyer, Fire/Rescue	200.00
Daniel Silver, Fire/Rescue	1,314.00
Barbara A. Smith, Supervisor of Checklist	200.00
Paula S. Smith, Treasurer	2,000.00
Patrick Swanson, Fire/Rescue	275.00
Davis C. Veno, Fire/Rescue	131.33
Warren T. Virgin, Fire/Rescue	250.00
James M. Wilson, Fire/Rescue	530.46
Jeanette E. Winslow, Assistant Librarian	3,054.50
Keith L. Yeaton, Fire/Rescue	200.00
Laurence D. Yeaton, Selectman	1,600.00
Matthew R. Yeaton, Fire/Rescue	300.00
R. Stewart Yeaton, Fire Chief	<u>1,942.92</u>

TOTAL	\$ 406,965.03
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NOTES

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION

Gregory S. Bowen	\$ 17,824.28
Henry L. Farrin, Jr.	6,428.10
Town Share of Social Security	1,416.68
Town Share of Medicare	335.60
SEA Consultants, Inc.	27,929.38
Joel Dail	23,568.64
Elmer Palmer, Jr.	3,213.00
Town Share of Social Security	1,729.20
Town Share of Medicare	<u>405.40</u>
	\$ 82,850.28

CONTRACTED LABOR

Steve Kimball	\$ 1,477.50
Randy Cutter	767.50
B & B Contractors	340.00
Eric Reeves	155.00
Dave's Mobile Pressure Wash	<u>90.00</u>
	\$ 2,830.00

RENTAL & LEASES (Sub-Contractors)

Steve Kimball	\$ 15,080.00
Randy Cutter	6,315.00
Eric Reeves	2,487.50
Cutter Enterprises	4,275.00
B & B Contractors	8,728.00
H & D Towing & Recovery	537.50
F. B. Hale, Inc.	955.50
Jack Shaver	<u>600.00</u>
	\$ 38, 978.50

PIPES & CULVERTS

J A F Industries, Inc.	\$ 2,301.40
Michie Corporation	50.00
Southworth Milton, Inc.	<u>1,542.79</u>
	\$ 3,894.19

HIGHWAY AND STREET MAINTENANCE

Heritage True Value Hardware	\$ 26.85
Pike Industries, Inc.	9,967.75
Dave's Mobile Pressure Wash	75.00
Concord Sand & Gravel	2,454.06
Treasurer, State of NH – S.P.	325.50
B & B Contractors	3,528.00
Solutions	9,258.63
Michael Page, Jr. & Sons Enterprises	5,000.00
NH Bituminous Co., Inc.	14,516.80
Steve Kimball	1,665.00
Hodgdon & Sons, Inc.	10,840.00
Catch Basin Cleaners	1,662.50
Cutter Enterprises	120.00
NH Correctional Industries	<u>267.00</u>
	\$ 59,707.09

RENTAL & LEASES

E. W. Sleeper Co.	\$ 1,200.00
David O'Neal	3,795.00
Ford Motor Credit Co.	<u>9,005.32</u>
	\$ 14,000.22

RECONSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAY

Tamchar, Inc.-North Road	\$ 321,638.49
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SALT & SAND

Clark's Grain Store	\$ 330.25
Morton Salt	11,808.83
B & B Contractors	3,000.00
Concord Sand & Gravel	10,108.11
Howard P. Fairfield, Inc.	<u>784.90</u>
	\$ 26,032.09

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

Heritage True Value Hardware	\$ 59.09
Ossipee Mountain Electronics	40.00
Sanel Auto Parts	667.95
Carparts Distribution Center	1,515.12
M & M Ford, Inc.	1,035.50
E & K Auto Parts – NAPA	35.98
Sullivan Tire Co.	1,516.12
Grappone Auto Junction	8,751.43
Howard P. Fairfield, Inc.	3,817.77
Jordan Equipment Co.	938.26
Southworth-Milton, Inc.	2,304.78
Cohen Steel Supply, Inc.	12.60
MAC Machine	132.50
Parts Associates, Inc.	530.49
Donavan Spring Co., Inc.	553.18
Portland Glass	238.75
Phelps Aerial Lift, Inc.	<u>174.80</u>
	\$ 22,324.32

HIGHWAY FUEL

Davis Fuels of Epsom	\$ 4,921.62
Evans Express Mart-Motor Fuel	<u>972.70</u>
	\$ 5,894.32

HIGHWAY OPERATING SUPPLIES

Alltex	\$ 1,017.31
Arch	256.90
U S Cellular	994.67
Merriam-Graves Corp.	157.58
Donbeck Sales	89.00
NHAA NH Arborist Association	15.00
Heritage True Value Hardware	108.00
Staples Credit Plan	69.99
Treasurer, State of NH -S.P.	90.00
Treasurer, State of NH -F.S.	8.00
Sam's Club	6.69
Vermeer Sales & Servic	36.69

NH Department of Safety –MV	12.00
E. W. Sleeper Co.	79.90
Concord Fire Extinguisher	44.00
Henry L. Farrin, Jr. – Reimbursement	75.00
Northwood Power Equipment	<u>24.18</u>
	\$ 3,084.91

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

Donbeck Sales	\$ 521.00
Waste	<u>101.25</u>
	\$ 622.25

STREET LIGHTNING

Concord Electric Co.	\$ 202.38
NH Electric Cooperative	<u>185.78</u>
	\$ 388.16

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
For the Year Ending December 31, 2000

DEBITS

Auto Registration Permits for 2000	\$596,710.20
Dog License Fees	4,884.50
Dog Fines	627.00
State Marriage License Fees	1,178.00
State Vital Records Certified Copies Fees	795.00
Town Marriage License Fees	217.00
Town Vital Records Certified Copies Fees	425.00
Motor Vehicle Title Fees	2,352.00
UCC Filing Fees	3,294.54
Municipal Agent Fees	11,378.00
Miscellaneous	113.84
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$621,975.08

CREDITS

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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT FOR 2000

As you are aware, any 1989 or newer vehicle now requires a title for 15 years. Effective January 1, 2001 any new registration on any 1988 or older vehicle will require verification of the vehicle identification number in addition to the bill of sale. This verification can be accomplished in three ways. One way is to bring in a bill of sale and the previous owner's New Hampshire registration, as long as this registration has not been expired for more than 30 days. Another alternative is to have a valid out of state title. The third alternative is to obtain the Verification of the Vehicle Identification Form 19A. Forms will be available at the Town Clerk's office. The vehicle must be physically examined at the time the form is executed. A New Hampshire Law Enforcement Officer, an authorized N.H. Licensed Auto Dealer or an Authorized N.H. Inspection Station can execute the form. No one is allowed to charge you to complete this form. Our office is required to mail the required documentation to the Department of Motor Vehicles with their copy of the State's copy of the registration. Please have the required paperwork with you when you register your vehicle. We will not be able to do your registration without it.

Moose plates have been available since December 1, 2000. Gift certificates are also available at our office and at the Department of Motor Vehicles. The cost for a regular moose plate is \$35.00 in addition to the cost of a regular registration for the first year and \$30.00 for subsequent years. A moose vanity plate costs an additional \$25.00 each year. Sales of the plate will raise money for the following organizations: The NH Fish and Game Dept Nongame and Endangered Wildlife Program, The NH Dept of Resources and Economic Development's Division of Parks and Recreation, The NH Dept of Cultural Resources, The State Conservation Committee, The NH Dept of Transportation for roadside planting and The NH Land and Community Heritage Investment Program.

Respectfully submitted,



Dawn Blackwell
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF Epsom YEAR ENDING 2000

DEBITS	Levy for Year of this Report	PRIOR LEVIES (Please specify years)		
UNCOLLECTED TAXES- BEG. OF YEAR* :	2000	1999		
Property Taxes		217,263.67		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change		7,853.98		
Yield Taxes		171.88		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd				
Excavation Activity Tax				
Inventory Penalties		2,075.52		
Timber Tax Bond		-631.00		
TAXES COMMITTED				
Property Taxes #3110	3,428,683.13	329.26		
Resident Taxes #3180				
Land Use Change #3120	19,592.63			
Yield Taxes #3185	15,928.57			
Excavation Tax #3187	382.64			
Excav. Activity Tax #3188	2,085.65			
Utility Charges #3189				
Inventory Penalties	6,841.90	-10.00		
OVERPAYMENT:				
Property Taxes #3110	4,483.36	114.52		
Resident Taxes #3180				
Land Use Change #3120				
Yield Taxes timber tax bond	1,791.50			
Excavation Tax #3187				
Excav. Activity Tax #3188				
Costs Before Lien		2,877.00		
Interest - Late Tax #3190	4,456.07	12,995.97		
Resident Tax Penalty #3190				
TOTAL DEBITS	\$3,484,245.45	\$243,040.80	\$	\$

* This amount should be the same as the last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF Epsom YEAR ENDING 2000

CREDITS	Levy for This Year	PRIOR LEVIES (Please specify years)		
REMITTED TO TREASURER:	2000	1999		
Property Taxes	3,208,273.25	116,029.92		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change	11,431.31	7,853.98		
Yield Taxes	10,143.63	171.88		
Interest	4,456.07	5,522.14		
Penalties Inventory	5,485.97	809.58		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd.	382.64			
Excavation Activity Tax	2,085.65			
Utility Charges				
Conversion to Lien (should equal line 2, pg.3)		107,514.96		
		-631.00		
DISCOUNTS ALLOWED:				
ABATEMENTS MADE:				
Property Taxes	483.52	1,255.82		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd.				
Excavation Activity Tax				
Utility Charges				
Inventory Penalties		10.00		
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED		4,503.52		
UNCOLLECTED TAXES - END OF YEAR #1080				
Property Taxes	224,409.71			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change	8,161.32			
Yield Taxes	7,576.44			
Excavation and Excavation Activity Taxes				
Utility Charges				
Inventory Penalties	1,355.93			
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 3,484,245.45	\$ 243,040.80	\$	\$

FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF Epsom YEAR ENDING 2000

DEBITS	Last Year's Levy	PRIOR LEVIES (Please specify years)		
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. of Fiscal Yr.		1999 100,666.19	1998 34,343.42	
Liens Executed During Fiscal Yr.	107,514.96			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	5,091.42	9,960.92	11,998.85	
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 112,606.38	\$110,627.11	\$ 46,342.27	\$

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER:	Last Year's Levy	PRIOR LEVIES (Please specify years)		
Redemptions	52,512.25	40,794.50	32,134.36	
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190	4,065.42	9,222.64	11,641.85	
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes				
Liens Deeded To Municipality		6,860.33	2,271.96	
Unredeemed Liens Bal. End of Yr. #1110	56,028.71	53,749.64	294.10	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 112,606.38	\$110,627.11	\$ 46,342.27	\$

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a) ? yesTAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE Dawn BlackwellDATE: 11/7/01

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR 2000

Hours for the Town Clerk are Mondays – 8:00 to 1:00 and 4:30 to 6:30; Tuesdays– 10:00 to 3:00; Thursdays and Fridays – 8:00 to 3:00 and the second and last Saturday of each month from 8:00 to noon. The office is closed to the public on Wednesdays.

The office will be closed for holidays on the following days in the year 2001: January 1, February 19, May 26, May 28, July 4, September 3, November 12, November 22 and December 25. The office will be closing at noon on December 24, 2001. The office will also be closed on Town Election Day, March 13, 2001.

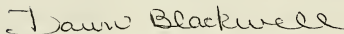
Our new tax rate is \$21.92. This is an increase of \$2.09 or approximately 11%. The town rate stayed the same, the county rate increased by 7 cents, the state school rate decreased by 20 cents and the local school rate increased by \$2.22.

The total property tax warrants this year as of December 1 were \$3,434,635.35. Warrants for current use change tax totaled \$19,592.63. Warrants for the earth excavation tax totaled \$382.64. The excavation activity tax warrants totaled \$2,085.65. The total timber tax or yield tax warrants were \$8,352.13.

\$107,514.96 was liened in 2000. This is a decrease from last year of 42%. Six properties were deeded to the town this year. The previous owner has redeemed one of these properties.

This year I began the four-year town clerk/tax collector certification program. This year's classes were held over a one-week period at Comp Funds of NH in Concord.

Respectfully submitted,



Dawn Blackwell
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

Building Permits	\$	11,219.00
Occupancy Permits		760.00
Planningboard & Zoning		3,738.70
ZBA		1,207.00
Junk Yard Permits		75.00
Pistol Permits		600.00
Current Use Reg.		90.00
	\$	<u>17,689.70</u>

Dawn Blackwell, Town Clerk

2000 Auto Permits	\$	596,710.20
2000 Dog Tax		4,884.50
Dog Fines		627.00
Ucc Filings		3,294.54
Municipal Fees		11,378.00
Title Fee's		2,352.00
Marriage State		1,178.00
Marriage Town		217.00
Vital Records State		795.00
Vital Records Town		425.00
Candidate Fees		16.00
Miscellaneous Tax		97.84
	\$	<u>621,975.08</u>

Dawn Blackwell, Tax Collector

Prior Yr. Redeemed Tax	\$	51,243.80
Redeemed Tax		74,197.31
Redeemed Int. & Cost		22,317.19
Mort. Notice & Tax Lein Charges		5,489.72
	\$	<u>153,248.02</u>

Prior Yr. Property Tax	\$	212,623.06
Prior Yr. Interest		17,208.15
Prior Yr. Current Use		2,215.33
Prior Yr. Yield Tax		171.88
Other Interest		243.89
	\$	<u>232,462.31</u>

2000 Property Tax	\$	3,208,273.26
2000 Current Use		17,069.96
2000 Yield Tax		9,512.63
Inventories Pen.		6,865.78
Excavation Tax		2,468.29
	\$	<u>3,244,189.92</u>

State of NH

Shared Rev. Block Grant	\$	35,577.00
Highway Block Grant		86,904.85
State Witness Fees		904.25
Rooms & Meals Tax		90,678.90
	\$	<u>214,065.00</u>

Miscellaneous Receipts

Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$	13,500.00
Town Office Expense		3,698.03
Ambulance Use		80,551.12
Police Detail		1,019.00
Franchise Income		11,008.77
NSF Charge		75.00
Tax Deeded Property		485.60
Sale of Town Property		8,867.92
Cemetary Lot Sales		150.00
Interest on checking		156,504.46
Court Fines		2,219.00
Police Reports		2,410.00
Ins. Dividends		4,287.59
Reim. Health Ins.		10,764.09
Escrow Accounts		5,421.99
Reim. Welfare		2,092.14
SS/WT Library		5,369.91
Fire Dept. Revenue		100.00
Police Dept. Revenue		2,531.30
Boat Tax		19,140.71
Cemetary Trustees		1,503.53
Morrison Account Police		2,190.00
Trustee North Road		321,638.49
	\$	<u>655,528.65</u>
 TOTAL AVAILABLE RECEIPTS	\$	 5,139,158.68
Balance brought forwarded Jan. 2000		2,136,782.46
Less Selectmens Orders		<u>4,599,886.54</u>
 CASH ON HAND JANUARY 1, 2001	\$	 2,676,054.60

Respectfully submitted

Paula S. Smith
Town Treasurer

CONSERVATION FUND

Balance on Hand January 1, 2000	\$	11,796.92
Interest		<u>221.28</u>
Balance in Fund	\$	12,018.20

AMBULANCE REPLACEMENT FUND

Balance on Hand January 1, 2000	\$	42,893.73
Interest		<u>1,012.38</u>
Deposit		<u>20,000.00</u>
Balance in Fund	\$	63,906.11

ESCROW ACCOUNT N. PEMBROKE ROAD

Balance on Hand January 1, 2000	\$	1,396.08
Interest		<u>26.22</u>
Balance in Fund	\$	1,422.30

ESCROW ACCOUNT AM BUILDERS

Balance on Hand January 1, 2000	\$	9,913.85
Interest		<u>186.17</u>
Balance in Fund	\$	10,100.02

ESCROW ACCOUNT POST OFFICE

Balance on Hand January 1, 2000	\$	743.16
Interest		<u>13.96</u>
Balance in Fund	\$	757.12

Escrow Account Frank Merrill

Balance on Hand January 1, 2000	\$	745.18
Deposit		3,003.26
Interest		51.45
Withdrawal 2000	-	<u>450.03</u>
Balance in Fund	\$	3,349.86

WATER EXPANSION FOR FIRE PROTECTION

Balance on Hand January 1, 2000	\$	3,105.90
Interest		<u>58.32</u>
Balance in Fund	\$	3,164.22

ESCROW ACCOUNT ROAD PROJECT BOB CUTTER

Balance on Hand January 1, 2000	\$	1,530.58
Interest		<u>28.74</u>
Balance in Fund	\$	1,559.32

ESCROW ACCOUNT KING'S GRANT

Balance on Hand January 1, 2000	\$	17,528.32
Interest		335.53
Deposit		5,000.00
Withdrawal	-	<u>123.19</u>
Balance in Fund	\$	22,740.66

Escrow Account ATC Realty

Deposit 10/5/00	\$	5,000.00
Deposit 10/16/00		420.00
Interest		17.35
Withdrawal	-	<u>4,493.27</u>
Balance in Fund	\$	944.08

ESCROW ACCOUNT MONTY SUBDIVISION

Deposit 11/30/00	\$	1,000.00
Interest		<u>1.31</u>
Balance in Fund	\$	1,001.31

ESCROW ACCOUNT RICKYBELANGER

Deposit 8/16/00	\$	800.00
Interest		3.89
Withdrawal	-	<u>355.50</u>
Balance inFund	\$	448.39

Respectfully submitted
Town Treasurer
Paula S. Smith

EPSOM 2001 ZONING BALLOT QUESTIONS

- 1- Are you in favor of adoption of an ordinance regulating the motorized vehicle sale facilities to permit them in the residential/commercial zone subject to a special exception; but not within 1,000 feet of another such facility?
Recommended by the Planning Board
- 2- Are you in favor of adoption of an amendment to the home occupation ordinance specifying the method of calculating the area (square footage) and modifying the restrictions on hours of operation?
Recommended by the Planning Board
- 3- Are you in favor of adoption of an ordinance prohibiting the permanent construction of manufactured housing units to house business or commercial enterprises; but expressly allowing the temporary placement of construction trailers?
Recommended by the Planning Board
- 4- Are you in favor of adoption of an amendment to the manufactured housing ordinance removing the sunset (expiration) provision of the ordinance; thereby making it permanent?
Recommended by the Planning Board
- 5- Are you in favor of adoption of an amendment to the zoning ordinances explicitly describing the potential remedies and penalties for violations of the zoning ordinances?
Recommended by the Planning Board
- 6- Are you in favor of adoption of an amendment to the zoning ordinances permitting the placement of signs for farms subject to certain restriction on size, location and number of such signs?
Recommended by the Planning Board
- 7- Are you in favor of adoption of an ordinance requiring the removal of signs erected by businesses that have ceased operating for at least one year?
Recommended by the Planning Board
- 8- Are you in favor of adoption of an amendment adding the repair and service of "heavy equipment" to the list of principal uses under the automotive repair and service enterprises?
Recommended by the Planning Board

- 9- Are you in favor of adoption of an amendment to the sign ordinance explicitly prohibiting the use of permanent internally lit signs?

Recommended by the Planning Board

- 10- Are you in favor of adoption of an amendment incorporating the meaning of the terms “agriculture, farm and farming” as those defined by New Hampshire law which broadly include all said farming and animal husbandry?

Recommended by the Planning Board

- 11- Are you in favor of adoption of an amendment to the ordinance regulating the construction of telecommunication towers, further expanding the elements of consideration for approving or denying applications for construction of such towers?

Recommended by the Planning Board

- 12- Are you in favor of adoption of a comprehensive amendment generally revising the application and permit process required for the construction of telecommunication towers?

Recommended by the Planning Board

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE CITY/TOWN OF Epsom, NH

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DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND <small>Start with common trust funds</small>	Purpose of Trust	HOW INVESTED Bank, deposits, stocks, bond, etc.	%	***PRINCIPAL***		
					Balance Beg. Of Year	New Funds Created	Cash Gains or Losses on Securities
1 1903- 2000	Cemeteries	Perpetual Care	1 Yr. CD 12/2/99-12/2/00		38,223.14	250.00	
2 1916- 1984	Library	Library	" "		4,400.00		
3 1989	Lillian Morrison	Town	NH Public Invest.Pool		100,000.00		
4 1990	Lillian Morrison	Fire Dept.	"		50,000.00		
5 1990	Lillian Morrison	Police Dept.	"		50,000.00		
6	TOTAL TRUST FUNDS				242,623.14	250.00	
7							
8	CAPITOL RESERVE						
9 1995	Library Bldg. Fund	Library	NH Public Invest.Pool		138,810.23		8,427.25
10 1997	Epsom Road Construction	Road Construction	"		256,046.44	120,000.00	10,067.72
11 1997	Library Book Fund	Library Books	"		10,760.82		653.14
12 1998	Epsom Reval Fund	Revaluation	"		10,485.64		636.63
13 1998	Epsom Fire Apparatus Fund	Fire Apparatus	"		10,695.41		649.21
14 2000	Epsom School Const. Renov.	Epsom School	"			150,000.00	1,253.13
15	TOTAL CAPITOL RESERVE				426,798.54	270,000.00	21,687.08
16 2000	Exp. Trust Cemeteries		NH Public Invest.Pool			3,000.00	177.27
17 1996	Epsom School Dist.	Cemeteries	Savings Book Bank of NH		644.78		12.11
18 1990	Epsom Village Dist. Fund	Technology Tank Maintenance	1Yr. CD 12/21/99- 12/21/00		36,335.43	2,000.00	1,639.62
19 1990	Epsom Village Dist. Fund	Water System	1Yr. CD 12/4/99- 12/4/00		37,478.19	2,000.00	1,690.37
20							
21	TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS				743,880.08	277,250.00	25,206.45

FOR YEAR ENDING December 31, 2000

PRINCIPAL		***INCOME***				GRAND TOTAL Principal & Income End of Year		
Withdrawals	Balance End Of Year	Balance Beg. Of Year	Income During Year		Expended During Year			Balance End Of Year
			%	Amount				
	38,473.14	4,319.56	1,812.51	1,725.18	4,406.89	42,880.03	1	
	4,400.00		201.78	201.78		4,400.00	2	
	100,000.00	11,900.88	6,793.58		16,694.46	118,694.46	3	
	50,000.00	439.41	3,062.33		3,501.74	53,501.74	4	
	50,000.00	3,063.01	3,098.65	2,190.00	3,971.66	53,971.66	5	
	242,873.14	19,722.86	14,968.85	4,116.96	30,574.75	273,447.89	6	
							7	
							8	
	147,237.48					147,237.48	9	
321,638.49	64,475.67					64,475.67	10	
	11,413.96					11,413.96	11	
	11,122.27					11,122.27	12	
	11,344.62					11,344.62	13	
	151,253.13					151,253.13	14	
321,638.49	396,847.13					396,847.13	15	
	3,177.27					3,177.27	16	
	656.89					656.89	17	
	39,975.05					39,975.05	18	
	41,168.56					41,168.56	19	
							20	
321,638.49	724,698.04	19,722.86	14,968.85	4,116.96	30,574.75	755,272.79	21	

EPSOM PUBLIC LIBRARY TOWN REPORT 2000

The year 2000 was a busy and productive one for the Epsom Public Library staff and Trustees, and the many, many citizens of Epsom who use the library. The library collection continues, as always, to be the top priority. Epsom should be proud that its library is able to maintain its well-rounded and timely collection of books and periodicals with the limited space and other resources available.

Library hours increased this year to 33 hours weekly, with the additional hours added in the evening to make access easier for working adults and school-age children.

Favorite programs continue : Adult Book Discussion Group, Summer Reading Program, Summer Children's Program, and a limited Preschool Craft and Story Time. The Library Trustees have organized a Program Committee of volunteers, who began to develop a user survey which will identify program preferences. The survey will be implemented in 2001.

The lack of library space remains a major liability. Nineteenth century space is not adequate for a community library. All shelf space is full to overflowing, and books must be stored on the floor. This year, to meet fire safety standards, the Library had to continue rental of a storage trailer to house back issues of periodicals, over 1,500 books, and some supplies.

The Library Building received its annual Safety Inspection and again violations were noted re. space and handicapped accessibility. Emergency exit lights and a handicap accessible bathroom are recommended, as well as modification of the entrance door to meet safety requirements. The Library Trustees will continue to request needed funds to place in a capitol reserve for the construction of an adequate facility.

The Library employs a highly experienced Library Director, a Staff Librarian, one part-time pages and a part-time employee from the Community Action Senior Employment Program. Volunteer services remain vital to adequate coverage, and the Trustees thank them for the time and commitment.

A major accomplishment was the computerization of the circulation system. Virtually the entire collection was entered into a computer database and circulation records are now handled electronically. This was the culmination of a two-year process, which required great effort from the staff, Trustees, and numerous volunteers whose help was critical and very much appreciated.

A computer is available for public use, and policies for use will be developed. The computer allows access to NH Jobline and other consumer -oriented programs.

Epsom should take pride in the technology, staffing, and collection improvements that have been made. The Trustees are hopeful that citizens will support efforts to build an appropriate facility for this town resource.

EPSOM PUBLIC LIBRARY

2000 APPROPRIATIONS ACCOUNT

	Appropriation	Expenditure*
MATERIALS		
Books	\$10,000.00	\$11,261.82
Reference Books	1,000.00	1,131.18
Audio Books	1,000.00	1,091.81
Videos	5,000.00	500.00
Periodicals	950.00	926.96
Technology Equipment/Supplies	2,000.00	1,433.85
 MAINTENANCE		
Building Maintenance	1,000.00	1,835.03
Utilities	2,000.00	1,978.71
Fuel	600.00	748.41
Storage Unit	1,100.00	1,045.00
 SALARIES		
Library Director	18,000.00	14,672.01
Staff Librarian	3,700.00	2,772.85
Pages	3,100.00	2,462.80
Withholding		5,369.91
 OTHER		
Programs (Adult/Child)	500.00	310.03
Postage and Supplies	1,500.00	1,885.19
Art Insurance	150.00	-0-
Professional	550.00	322.50
Miscellaneous	200.00	168.75
 Total	\$48,650.00	\$49,941.08

*Expenditures include \$1,291.08 of non-appropriated funds

EPSOM PUBLIC LIBRARY 2000 ANNUAL REPORT

MEMORIAL FUNDS

Memoriam Certificate of Deposit (opened 5/1998)	\$5,226.84
Jonathan Crafts Memoriam CD (opened 8/1998)	\$1,740.79

LIBRARY BUILDING FUND

New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool	
Beginning Balance	\$27,697.36
Interest Income	1,498.88
Ending Balance	\$29,196.24
Savings and Checking Accounts	
2000 Beginning Balance	\$ 637.92
Expenses	
Town Center Proposal	\$ 270.75
Bank Fee	\$ 6.00
Total	\$ 276.75
2000 Ending Balances	\$ 361.17

NON-LAPSING FUND

2000 Beginning Balances	\$2,473.48
Income	
Trust Funds (1999)	\$ 206.05
Book Sales, Conscience Contributions, Lost Books	
Non Resident Cards, Photocopier, and Donations	\$ 989.42
Total	\$ 1,195.47
Expenditures	
Transfers to Appropriations Account	\$ 1,700.00
Total	\$ 1,700.00
2000 Ending Balance	\$ 1,968.95

EPSOM PUBLIC LIBRARY

<u>BOOK COLLECTION</u>	<u>ADULT</u>	<u>JUVENILE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
January 1, 2000	9,731	5,955	15,686
Accession	425	223	648
Discarded	101	67	168
Total December 31, 2000	10,055	6,111	16,166
Cassettes			262
Audio Books			295
Video			263
Periodical Subscriptions			31

CIRCULATION

Adult	6,270
Juvenile	3,900
Periodicals	1,781
Audio	1,281
Video	1,219
Total	14,451

INTERLIBRARY LOAN

Loaned	280
Borrowed	231
Cards Issued	1,211

MEMORIAL BOOKS

New Hampshire : Unforgettable Vintage Images of the Granite State given in memory of Jack Heath by Virginia Bumford

The Art of Tasha Tudor by Harry Davis, Farm : the Vernacular Tradition of Working Buildings by David Larkin, and Fairy Tales told by Berlie Doherty given in memory of Hattie Heath by Brenda Jo.....

Herbs : Gardens, Decorations, and Recipes by Emelie Tolley and Chris Mead given in memory of Bertha Leavitt by the Epsom Women's Club

EPSOM CHARTER

As signed May 18, 1727

George, By the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Irland, King, Defender of the Faith.

"To all people to whom these presents shall come: Greeting: Know ye, we of our especial knowledge and meer motion, from the due encouragement of settling a new plantation, by and with the advice and consent of our council, have given and granted, and by these presents, far as subjects as were inhabitants and free holders in the year one thousand seven hundred and twenty-three, in our town of New Castle and in the Parish of Greenland, both within our Province of New Hampshire, in New England, to be divided among them in proportion to their respective rates, which laid out at the head of Nottingham and Northward of land formerly granted to the children of Saml. Allen, desc'd the same to be six miles in Breadth and four miles in dept, or in such other form as the land un-granted in that place will admit, so as it contains the same quantity of land, and the same to be a town corporate by the name Epsom to the persons aforesaid forever. To have and to hold the said tract of land to said grantees and their heirs and assigns forever upon the following conditions:

1st. That they build twenty dwelling houses and settle a family in each within the term of four years, and break up three acres of ground for each settlement, and plant or sow the same within four years.

2nd. That a house be built for the Publick worship of God within the term of six years.

3rd. That one hundred acres of land be reserved for a parsonage, one hundred acres for the first minister of the Gospel and one hundred acres for the Benefit of a School. Provided, Nevertheless, that the Peace with the Indians continue during the aforesaid term of your years.

But if it should happen that a war with the Indians should commence before the afores'd term of four years be expired, there shall be allowed to the afores'd Proprietors the term of four years after the expiration of the War to perform the afores'd conditions.

Rendering and paying therfor to us, Our heirs and successors, or such other officer or officers as shall be appointed to Receive the same, the annual quit rent of acknowledgment of one pound of good merchantable Hemp in s'd town, on the first day December yearly, forever, if demanded.

Reserving also unto us, our heirs and successors, all mast trees growing on said Land, according to an act of Parliament made and provided in that case.

And for the better order, Rule and Government of the said Town, we, by these Presents, Grant for us, our heirs and successors, unto the afores'd Proprietors, and those that shall inhabit the said Town, that yearly and every year, upon the first Wednesday in May, they may meet at any place within the Province of New Hampshire afores'd until the settlement of the afores'd town is perfected and afterward in the said town, to elect and chuse by the Major part of them constables, selectmen, and all other Town offices, according to the Laws and usage of our afores'd Province have and enjoy, and we appoint our Loving Subjects, Theodore Atkinson, Joshua Foss and Capt. Samuel Weeks to be the selectmen to manage the affairs of the said town for the Present year and until others are chosen in their room by the afores'd Proprietors.

In Testimony where of we have caused the seal of our said Province to be herewith annexed.

Witness, John Wentworth, Esq., our Lt. Governor and Commander in Chief in and over our said Province, at our town of Portsmouth, the eighteenth day of May, in the Thirteenth year of our Reign, anno Domini 1727.

/s/ J. Wentworth

EPSOM POLICE DEPARTMENT
2000 ANNUAL REPORT

CHIEF

Henry L. Farrin Jr.

SECRETARY

Gail Quimby

SUPERVISOR

Officer Eric Bourn

ANIMAL CONTROL

Patrol Personnel

FULL TIME PATROLMEN

Officer Robert Kitson

Officer Wayne Preve

PART TIME PATROLMEN

Officer Joseph Orlando

Officer Robert Hill

It is with pleasure and honor I present to the Citizens of Epsom, the Police Department's 2000 Annual Report.

The year 2000 has brought many changes to the Epsom Police Department. The retirement of Chief Roger Amadon, as well as several other staffing changes both with the full time personnel and part time personnel are among these.

The appointment of a new Chief of Police has taken place and with this, newly hired full time personnel were implemented. I am sure that with these new changes, the Police Department will continue to provide and improve upon its service to the Town of Epsom.

It was again a very busy year with an increase in Criminal and Motor Vehicle Accidents, as well as Arrests and Calls for Service. Although these calls for service were up, and we found ourselves understaffed for most of the year, we concentrated efforts to minimize criminal activity and traffic accidents.

We at the police department would like to thank the Citizens and Administration for the support you have shown as we enter the New Year with positive thinking and community intentions. I assure you that the Town of Epsom Police Department will provide the highest degree of professional service.

Respectfully,

Henry L. Farrin Jr.
Chief of Police

EPSOM POLICE DEPARTMENT
From: 01/01/2000 Thru: 12/31/2000

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Jurisdictions: ALL
Location: ALL
Street: ALL
Street Range: (Odd/Even)
Intersecting Street: ALL
Zones: ALL

Accident Statistics By Time of Day

	<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUE</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THR</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
1 AM	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
2 AM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 AM	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
4 AM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 AM	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
6 AM	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	3
7 AM	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
8 AM	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	5
9 AM	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	6
10 AM	1	0	1	1	0	1	5	9
11 AM	3	0	1	2	1	1	4	12
12 PM	0	1	0	2	2	1	4	10
1 PM	2	0	0	1	0	0	2	5
2 PM	2	3	0	0	0	2	1	8
3 PM	4	3	1	0	1	2	0	11
4 PM	2	1	2	2	3	3	1	14
5 PM	0	4	2	1	2	1	4	14
6 PM	0	1	2	1	1	2	0	7
7 PM	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	4
8 PM	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	3
9 PM	1	0	1	2	0	0	1	5
10 PM	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	3
11 PM	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	4
12 AM	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	3
TOTALS	17	19	12	17	12	19	35	131

Accident Particulars

	Occurrence(s)	Percentage
Average posted speed at the accident scene		30 MPH
Occurred at On-ramps	0	0.0
Occurred at Off-ramps	0	0.0
Occurred at an intersection	18	13.7
Occurred at a rotary	21	16.0
Occurred on a one lane road/highway	3	2.3
Occurred on a two lane road/highway	60	45.8
Occurred on a three lane road/highway	11	8.4
Occurred on a four lane road/highway	0	0.0
Occurred on other number of lanes	57	43.5
Involved OUI violation(s)	6	4.6
Photos were taken	60	45.8
Measurements were taken	17	13.0
Investigation took place	76	58.0

EPSOM POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Jurisdictions: ALL
 Location: ALL
 Street: ALL
 Zones: ALL
 Citation Action: ALL
 Officers: ALL

Citation Analysis by Day Time

From: 01/01/2000 Thru: 12/31/2000

<u>Time</u>	<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUE</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THR</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
12 AM	36	4	2	2	1	9	22	76
1	17	0	2	2	2	2	13	38
2	2	0	1	3	1	1	5	13
3	1	0	0	1	3	0	1	6
4	2	0	1	4	3	2	4	16
5	0	0	3	14	11	17	1	46
6	2	2	3	5	9	8	4	33
7	2	0	0	1	1	8	5	17
8	6	5	4	1	4	8	13	41
9	16	5	2	0	2	1	16	42
10	11	1	1	5	2	3	15	38
11	14	1	2	2	1	7	22	49
12 PM	17	5	2	2	0	1	16	43
1	11	2	1	1	2	2	20	39
2	15	5	8	5	4	4	14	55
3	7	8	10	10	7	4	20	66
4	8	5	10	7	8	7	15	60
5	12	10	11	6	9	5	23	76
6	16	3	7	6	9	9	9	59
7	13	7	6	6	5	14	19	70
8	21	6	17	15	6	12	23	100
9	22	10	25	22	16	27	26	148
10	16	13	10	14	7	23	32	115
11	15	10	17	19	16	37	40	154
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>292</u>	<u>102</u>	<u>145</u>	<u>153</u>	<u>129</u>	<u>211</u>	<u>378</u>	<u>1400</u>

Records Analysis Report
01/01/2000 - 12/31/2000

01/02/2001

Offenses (IBR) By Month

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
KIDNAPPING / ABDUCTION							1	1					2
FORCIBLE RAPE	1		1								1		1
FORCIBLE FONDLING						1			1				2
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	1	1	7	2	7	3	1	3	5		4	6	42
SIMPLE ASSAULT	1	1	9	9	5	5	4	10		3	3	8	58
INTIMIDATION	1	1	5	2	2	3	3	2		1	1		16
BURGLARY / BREAKING AND ENTERI	1		5	2	1				2	2			3
SHOPLIFTING						1							2
THEFT FROM BUILDING											1		1
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE								3		1	1		5
THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS O											1		1
ALL OTHER LARCENY	5	5	3	3	2	10	3	6		1	2		40
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT				1				1					2
COUNTERFEITING / FORGERY	3	1					2		1	1			5
FALSE PRETENSES / SWINDLE / CO			4	1	2	3	8	11		4	2	4	52
CREDIT CARD / AUTOMATIC TELLER	2	1											2
DESTRUCTION / DAMAGE / VANDALI			4	6	3	9	3	8	5	5	13	4	62
DRUG / NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS	7	5	7	19	10	15	4	5	8	9	2	6	97
DRUG EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS								2					2
STATUTORY RAPE	2			1					1				4
WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS												2	2
BAD CHECKS			4	1	6		3	1	7	3	5		30
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	2	2	1										6
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	4	3	11	13	1	5	6	4	9	7	4	4	71
DRUNKENNESS	1	3	6	4	6	7	5	3	6	5	5		51
FAMILY OFFENSES, NONVIOLENT						1							1
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	4		6	6	6	10	3	4	11	4	5	9	68
RUNAWAY							3						3
TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY	2		3		1		2	3	1	1	1		14
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	58	4		6	16	9	5	8	15	13	5	6	149
TRAFFIC, TOWN BY-LAW OFFENSES	76	208	214	156	142	132	200	187	130	127	114	224	1910
TOTALS	170	240	289	229	211	210	256	263	206	190	171	275	2710

Epsom Fire Department
1714 Dover Road
Epsom, New Hampshire 03234

2000 Fire Department Report 2000

The Epsom Fire Department was able to see many successes in 2000 due to the numerous hours that members contributed. As with so many other organizations that rely heavily on volunteers to keep their core group strong, so does our Fire Department. Therefore, it is with the combined efforts of our volunteer members, our part-time employees and our two full-time employees, that we were able to be so efficient this past year.

The Fire Department responded to over 725 calls, and also performed inspections and fire prevention education lectures. We are currently re-establishing our Explorer Post (Outreach Program) which involves youths from ages 15–18. The Department was also invited to participate with the Town's Master Plan Committee in 2000. The purpose is to complete a long-range plan for the Fire Department that will satisfy the needs of both the residents and the businesses of Epsom. The Fire Department is extremely pleased to be involved with this project.

While working with The Epsom Master Plan Committee, they provided our Department with some very valuable and informative statistics. I am extremely pleased to share, what I consider, one of the most significant statistics that impacts Epsom very positively. Per the data of The Central NH Regional Planning Committee, the following excerpt is worth restating, "As compared with neighboring communities, the (Epsom) Fire Department has the largest volume of calls with the fewest staff and the lowest cost per call. The department operates with exceptional efficiency."

Our Fire Department conducts "trainings" on the first and second Monday's of each month and we encourage new members to join. We are always striving to build up our membership. As expected, when our community expands, so does the demand on our current members within the department. Therefore, additional members to help share some of the much needed tasks and responsibilities is a goal for our Department in the year 2001.

In closing, I would like to personally thank each of our members and each of our Auxiliary members for all of their sacrifices and countless hours that they have contributed to the Epsom Fire Department. Such contributions are certainly immeasurable. Additionally, I would be remiss to exclude each of our families who so unselfishly give of their loved ones towards the betterment of our community as a whole. Finally, I have witnessed countless acts of true humanity both "on the scene" and "off" from so many of our "fire department family" that it is through these displays of caring and compassion that they extend to others, that truly makes me extremely proud to represent the Epsom Volunteer Fire Department as its Chief.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. Stewart Yeaton
Chief, Epsom Fire Department



EPSOM FIRE & RESCUE

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EPSOM FIRE AND RESCUE AMBULANCE BILLING REPORT

January 15, 2001

Billing period of 01/01/00 to 12/31/01

TOTAL BILLED FOR 2000	\$106,097.12
AMOUNT RECEIVED	\$ 79,874.85
AMOUNT ADJUSTED	\$ 23,880.25
AMOUNT OUTSTANDING	\$ 27,155.87



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The Epsom Fire and Rescue responded to 722 emergencies during 2000. The following is a breakdown by type of call.

Alarm Activations	62
Drills	3
Fires	151
Medical Emergencies	361
Service Calls	39
Motor Vehicle Accidents	106
Total	722

EPSOM RESCUE SQUAD

2000

ANNUAL REPORT

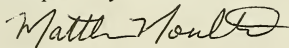
Can you believe another year has gone bye and it's budget time once again. The Epsom Fire / Rescue has some good news though. We have responded to 486 calls, transported 270 patients to area hospitals, which means we have billed out over one hundred thousand dollars, collected over eighty thousand dollars and deposited into the Town of Epsom general fund to help offset taxes. This couldn't be done without the help of all members of the Epsom Fire/Rescue as well as the support from the Town of Epsom.

This year it's time to replace the ambulance and because of preplanning for this the Town of Epsom will not have to raise any monies for this purchase.

Once again I would like to thank the members of the Epsom Rescue Squad for their generosity in making the Squad what it is today. A few people I would like to mention this year are Bill French (24th year) Allana Mitchel (23rd year) Rita Graham (20th year, who unfortunately is retiring this year) and Chief Stewart Yeaton (who is closing in on 20 years) thanks for all the years!

Anyone interested in joining the Epsom Fire/Rescue should come down and visit and see what we are all about. Joining does take a commitment of time and energy but in return you make a difference in someone's life.

Respectfully submitted,



Matthew Moulton
Capt. Epsom Rescue Squad

TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER REPORT

There are 2,200 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. The number of fires reported during the 2000 fire season was below average as referenced in the statistics below. Despite this, our network of fire towers and detection patrols were still quite busy with the fire towers being first to report over 135 fires. These fires were quickly and accurately reported to the local fire department for their prompt and effective suppression efforts. Wildland fires occurring in areas where homes are situated in the woodlands are a serious concern for both landowners and firefighters. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around them and making sure that houses are properly identified with street numbers. Please contact the Forest Protection Bureau to request a brochure to assist you in assessing fire safety around your home and woodlands.

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ALL outside burning. Fire permits are required for any open burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow where the burning will be done. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are eleven Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. Forest Rangers have investigated numerous complaints regarding violations of the timber harvest and forest fire laws, and taken enforcement action to ensure compliance. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217, or for general information visit our website at www.dred.state.nh.us.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection system and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. These factors are critical in controlling the size of wildland fires, keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible. Due to permitting and fire safety concerns, please contact your local fire department BEFORE using portable outdoor fire places and vessels, including those constructed of clay, concrete or wire mesh.

Please contact your local fire department before doing ANY outside burning.

REMEMBER ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!!

2000 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru November 10, 2000)

TOTALS BY COUNTY

	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Hillsborough	118	40
Rockingham	49	24
Merrimack	92	16
Belknap	54	13
Cheshire	41	20
Strafford	58	13
Carroll	46	10
Grafton	16	7
Sullivan	12	2
Coos	30	4

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Debris Burning	263
Miscellaneous *	151
Smoking	30
Children	17
Campfire	16
Arson/Suspicious	14
Equipment Use	9
Lightning	9
Railroad	7

* Miscellaneous (powerlines, fireworks, structures, OHRV, unknown)

Total Fires Total Acres

2000	516	149
1999	1301	452
1998	798	443

PLANNING BOARD 2000 REPORT

The Planning Board has just completed one of its busiest years. We have seen an increase in non-residential site plan reviews and in sub-division requests.

Among the many non residential site plans reviewed this year, the Board approved an additional building at White Mountain Cable, retail space on Rte 28, a used car dealership on Rte 4 and a wireless telecommunications tower off of Rte 4. There were also several in-home business applications approved including a small day care and a woodworking shop and sales area.

The Board has also seen an increase in sub-division requests. Applications have ranged from the small one and two lot sub-division request, to requests for three to six lot sub-divisions. These will obviously impact not only our tax base, school system and infrastructure requirements but will also have an effect on the character of our small community.

The Master Plan sub-committee completed the first four chapters of the Plan and these units have been adopted by the Planning Board. The last four chapters are currently being worked on, with completion scheduled for the first quarter of 2001 and final adoption by the Planning Board. A special thanks to Harvey Harkness, Bernadette Pelczar, Betsy Pickering and to all the chapter volunteers who have given endless hours of their time to make this a success. The elected officials of Epsom and various department heads will now have a valuable planning tool to help guide Epsom's development in the next 5 to 10 years. There is still time to make your voice heard by volunteering for this or other projects.

On behalf of the entire Board, a special thanks to all of the town officials and volunteers who have worked with us over this past year. The Board continues to try and balance the interests of the community with the interests of the land and business owners in the town. Thanks to the Board members who have put in many hours over the past year to handle the ever increasing requests before it.

Respectfully Submitted
Constance Catanese, Chairman

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

2000 REPORT

The Board of Adjustment was established through the adoption of the zoning ordinances and given the powers to 1) hear and decide appeals due to administrative decisions, 2) issuance of a "special use permit" for junk yard use, 3) grant "special exceptions" to the terms of the zoning ordinances and 4) grant waivers to the zoning ordinances by "variance". The appeals for an administrative decision are usually the result of non-issuance of a building permit or other land use issues due to the interpretation of the zoning ordinances by the administrative officer such as the Zoning Compliance Officer, Planning Board and/or the Board of Selectmen.

The Epsom Board of Adjustment consists of five appointed members, three alternate appointed members and a secretary. All Board members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen and serve in a three-year voluntary position. The Board meets only when specific application is submitted.

During this past year (2000), the Board of Adjustment processed fourteen (14) applications for various appeals to the zoning ordinances and held fourteen (14) Public Hearings concerning these appeals. The zoning appeals consisted of six (6) requests for special exceptions and eight (8) request for variances to the ordinance. The results of these appeals are as follows:

<u>CASE NO. (MONTH)</u>	<u>APPLICANT (OWNER)</u>	<u>TAX MAP (LOT No.)</u>	<u>APEAL TYPE</u>	<u>APEAL DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>APEAL DECISION</u>
2000-01 (January)	Robert Griggs	U-01 (15)	Special Exception	Construct single family home on non-conforming lot with less than 2 acres. (Lords Mill Road)	Approved
2000-02 (March)	Daniel Schmidt	U-09 (29)	Special Exception	Request change in conditions to Case 97-10. Change of business use. (NH Rte 28 North)	Approved
2000-03 (May)	ATC Realty, LLC SBC Towers, Inc. (Ricky Belanger)	U-03 (17-C)	Special Exception	Construction of tele-communication tower on Private Road (White Birch Lane)	Approved
2000-04 (May)	ATC Realty, LLC SBC Towers, Inc. (Cynthia Belanger)	U-05 (39)	Special Exception	Construction of tele-communication tower (Brimstone Hill Road)	Approved
2000-05 (May)	Bruce & Velvet Guerin	U-05 (41)	Variance	Operate a day-care on non-conforming lot with less than 1 acre. (Brimstone Hill Road)	Denied

EPSOM BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
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2000-06 (April)	ATC Realty, LLC SBC Towers, Inc. (Ricky Belanger)	U-03 (17-C)	Variance	Construction of tele- communication tower beyond the 1000 foot setback. (White Birch Lane)	Approved
2000-07 (May)	Jeffrey Eames	R-10 (20)	Variance	Construct single family home on non-conforming lot with less than 2 acres. (Lords Mill Road)	Approved
2000-08 (July)	Northern Homes Sales (Bill Vaughan)	U-15 (15)	Variance	Expansion of non- business in A/R zone. (NH Rte 28, South)	Withdrawn
2000-09 (July)	Michael & Charlene Chevalier	U-01 (84)	Variance	Construct garage within rear setback. (Sleepy Hollow Lane)	Approved
2000-10 (August)	Roberta Furst Deborah Furst	U-01 (26)	Variance	Construct single family home on non-conforming lot located on private road. (Lake Road)	Denied
2000-11 (August)	Michael Langlois	U-19 (46)	Variance	Construct single family home on non-conforming lot located on private road. (Chestnut Pond Road)	Denied*
2000-12 (August)	John & Martha Woodworth	R-10 (26)	Variance	Construct single family home on non-conforming lot located on private road. (Barry Lane)	Denied**
2000-13 (November)	Jeffrey Green (Daniel Osborne)	U-08 (90)	Special Exception	Business operation for the sales and maintenance of trucks and heavy equipment (NH Rte 28, North)	Approved

EPSOM BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
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2000-14 (December)	John Green	U-04 (20)	Variance	Request removal of 6/7/83 variance Case # 121 to allow mobile home to remain on lot. Black Hall Road)	Case Pending

Of the cases decided by the Board during the calendar year 2000, applicants for Cases 2000-11 (Langlois) and 2000-12 (Woodworth) requested reconsideration of the Board's variance denial. Reconsideration for Case 2000-11 (Langlois)* was granted by the Board because the applicant established reasonable justification for a new hearing. The Board is scheduled to rehearing this case during the calendar year of 2001. Reconsideration Case 2000-12 (Woodworth)** was not granted, as no new evidence was identified that would support a rehearing. The applicant (J. Woodworth) has appeal the Board's denial to the Merrimack Superior Court. This case remains pending court action by Superior Court as of the time for the submission of this annual report.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my appreciation to the Board of Adjustment members and our secretary for their dedication and commitment throughout this past year. Their volunteered service continues to provide an essential "safety value" for the citizens of Epsom for appeals to the zoning ordinances. While the Board's decisions can be emotionally difficult and trying at times, a solid understanding of the regulations remains an important ingredient for making these decisions, as well as, common sense.

Remember that the Town of Epsom is your community. Take the time to serve your community and volunteer for active participation on planning and zoning land use boards as well as the Conservation Commission. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted by,
Keith A. Cota, Chairman

**EPSOM ZONING COMPLIANCE OFFICER'S REPORT
2000**

Once again it has been an active year, but on the whole it's gone fairly smooth. We still have several violations under litigation, but I expect most of these will be over shortly. I'll say it once again, if you're in doubt please call 736-4411.

I wish to thank the town office personnel for all their help in the past year.

The following is a breakdown of zoning permits for the year 2000:

Single Family Residence	38
Residential additions	12
Mobile Homes	12
Commercial improvements	5
Sheds	18
Decks and Porches	18
Garages	13
Barns	3
Occupancy Permits	32
Seasonal Business	0
Renewals	2
Swimming Pools	4
Commercial Business	13
Replacement of burnt structure	0
Home Business	3
Commercial Buildings	2
Sign Permits	17
Signal Towers (1-tower and 1- additional disc)	2

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred G. Bickford
Zoning Compliance Officer

WELFARE REPORT

In the Epsom Welfare Department, 2000 was a year of “ups”. There were families who previously had been heavily dependent on town assistance, now have better paying jobs and/or more working hours and are able to support their families. There were families who learned to set priorities, budget their incomes and are not in need of town assistance. There were people temporarily disabled, have been “discharged” by their doctors and returned to work. There were parents participating in any number of educational programs who have been able to secure better jobs and wages. We can continue to appreciate the various educational opportunities available to low income residents. By taking advantage of these programs, people can receive knowledge, skills and confidence that will offer them more opportunities in the work force.

As welfare recipients in states bordering NH near the ends of their allotted time on assistance, NH welfare offices are receiving more application from people who have recently moved to NH. As yet, Epsom has received very few applications from new residents.

The response during the holidays continues to astound me. People and organizations (some from neighboring towns as well as Epsom) have donated money, food, clothing, household items, wonderful knitted mittens and hats, handmade doll clothes and blankets, and a wide variety of other gifts for the holidays. Thank you for your devoted generosity. We are truly blessed to be part of such a punctilious community.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia L. Hickey

WEBSTER PARK COMMISSION REPORT

Jan. 01 through Dec.31 2000

The Webster Park summer season started off with the continuation of cleaning up the debris of the large trees blown over near the pavilion area on the fall of 1999. It would have been a disaster if the trees had fallen on the pavilion. The area was slowly cleaned up by volunteers. Chipping of brush was continued throughout the park.

The summer season's activities started on April 01 with the electricity being turned on, the toilets put in operation, and the trash canisters being delivered.

June 03 was Free Fresh Water Fishing Day for residents in New Hampshire. A fishing license was not needed that day.

The park pavilion and the ballpark were reserved weekends for Epsom families and organizations. Band concerts were held every other Friday during the months of July and August. Epsom's Old Home Day had good weather for its activities on the 12th & 13th of August. On July 05, the library held a Teddy Bear Picnic for area children and on August 2 hosted a pet show, which were well-attended. The park was used during the week for baseball and softball by various organizations. During the fall months EYAA sponsored soccer games. On September 9th & 10th, the Antique Auto Club had its outing at the ballfield and held a public bean hole luncheon.

Both the Cub and Boy Scouts held over-night camp-outs and advancement programs at the park. The Girl Scouts have shown interest in the park by doing some activities and brush clearing along a pathway leading to the river.

For safety and liability reasons, the ramp to the swimming area was paved in October. A Port-A-Potty is planned to be placed near the pavilion and horseshoe pit area. This will be useful during times when the park facilities are not in operation.

The Park Commissioners have accepted with regret the resignations of Norman Birch, Park Manager, and Dick Todd, Commission Chairman. They wish to thank the commissioners, various town organizations, volunteers, and town officials for their help in making it a pleasurable experience. They now plan to travel and enjoy their retirement years. Norm Birch served the Park Commission for 27 years, during which time he saw many changes and developments at the park. He was active in the building of the pavilion and other projects. Town athletic and scouting organizations have shown interest in being part of the commission to continue development and improvement of the park for greater community use. Both Norm and Dick wish the new Park Chair, Park Manager, and other commissioners, success in future plans and endeavors for the park.

The Webster Park Commissioners.

**HEALTH OFFICER
REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2000**

Listed below are the calls I responded to for the year 2000.

Inspections-Foster care & Day care 3

Inspections done by Al Bickford 1

Septic Systems- failed etc. 2

Expedited letters for septic repairs 2

Nursing Home outbreak of virus 1

Fast food problem with milk 1

Negligence of an adult assisted in
getting help for him. 1

Written orders for various problems 3

Calls to remove problems 4
(cats, wasp, & a tenant)

Respectfully submitted,

Judith DeWitt Health Officer for the Town of Epsom

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT 2000

The winter of 2000 was a tough one considering the ice and snowstorms.

Our Road Agent of nine years moved on and left a difficult position to fill.

To Greg Bowen, thank you for all your hard work and dedication to the Town of Epsom, you have been missed.

Henry Farrin took over the position of Road Agent in the summer and together we were able to ditch Mountain Road, Center Hill Road, Echo Valley Farm Road and Griffin Road. We also took on the task of ditching Sanborn Hill Road, a job in need of completion.

When Henry left to fill the chief's position at the Epsom Police Department, I was once again left to run the highway department alone, a daunting task to say the least.

Bud Palmer was soon hired to help get us through a predictably harsh winter.

Despite the juggling that the highway department has gone through, I've done my best to remain on schedule and accessible. I sincerely hope that you the townspeople have not been seriously inconvenienced.

Taking on the job of Acting Road Agent has been a learning experience. I'm new at the politics, budgets, and all that goes on behind the scenes, which make a town highway department run smoothly. In the meantime I will continue to give you my best and come March you will be electing a Road Agent.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Dail

Epsom Conservation Commission Report 2000

The Epsom Conservation Commission would like to begin this report with an appeal for you to consider ways you can contribute to your community and the environment. In a recent survey of 500 Epsom residents, 88% said that the small town rural character made Epsom a desirable place to live. How do you define rural character? The committee working on the Conservation Chapter of the Master Plan recognizes it is the diversity of the landscape and the opportunities it offers us that defines the rural character. *Openlands, working farms, home gardens, hearty forests, abundant waterways and wetlands, hills and mountains with panoramic ridgelines and vistas, a wide range of plants, trees and abundant wildlife, country roads and recreational trails, scenic areas, large parcels of open space, and more* are some of the features that make up the rural character of the town. The land and water allow us many opportunities for recreation and pleasure; *fishing, wildlife viewing, walking, hiking, biking, snowmobiling, birding, canoeing, swimming, boating, skating and cross country skiing.*

We love the community and the natural beauty of the land we live on.

The conservation commission would like to thank all who contribute and volunteer their time to town and community activities.

How do we contribute to the community?

Volunteer and Get Involved!

There are always ways to contribute. Consider our fine Fire Department or the Fire Auxilliary, the Planning or Zoning Board, the library, the school, athletic and youth groups, the Fort Mountain Trailwinders, the Historical Society, the Odd Fellows, the Conservation Commission and many more ways to get involved in our community.

Educate Ourselves!

There are parents who teach children to respect nature and children who teach their parents the importance of recycling. How do we protect the land and water for the future? Learn how to use best management practices for *woodlots, wastes (human, animal and manmade), garbage, burning trash, chemicals, fertilizers, pesticides, shorelines, docks, steep slopes, gravel roads, wildlife and natural species, wetlands and waterways.* The conservation commission and the

NH Department of Environmental Services can answer many of your questions.

The Conservation Commission encourages residents to adopt a section of road or trail in Epsom and pick up the roadside trash. This will be the eleventh year to participate in honor of Earth Day. We can all enjoy the rewards of litter free roadsides. In 2000, the commission monitored and reviewed numerous requests for wetlands and dredge and fill permits. We monitored the Town Forest Land and conservation easements and participated in visioning for the town. We organized workdays and hikes. Please consider joining us on the commission or on one of our explorations of the Town Forest. Maps are available through the Conservation Commission.

So please get involved in our community. Do what you can do to contribute to the rural atmosphere and character that folks say makes Epsom a desirable place to live.

Help us preserve and maintain the natural qualities of the land, air water and environment.

Act Locally Think Globally

Glenn Horner, Elsie Fife, Chuck Hersey, Elliott Sampson, Alison Parodi Bielings
For more information call Alison evenings at 736-9744



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF EPSOM

The Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association (CRVNA) continues to offer comprehensive health services to the residents of Epsom. The following is a description of these services:

Home Care services respond to the health care needs of those patients with acute or chronic illnesses that require skilled professional and para-professional care so they may return to or remain in their homes. Emphasis is on promoting independence and maximum functioning of the patient within the least restrictive setting. Patients who receive services range from children who have a complex medical condition to frail elders who require supportive assistance to stay in their own homes.

CRVNA'S Hospice House provides residential care to terminally ill patients who have no primary caregiver or need a supported residential setting. Often times patients are transferred into the Hospice House when a caregiver is exhausted and unable to care for them at home any longer. To date, this house has provided a home to approximately 500 terminally ill residents.

Community Health services include health education, health maintenance and preventive health services. The program includes preventive care, adult and senior health, child health, Baby's First Homecoming, immunizations for all ages, supportive services to school districts parent education and support, health education and nutritional counseling.

Community Health included health promotion services which focus on the low and marginal income families and individuals to prevent illness by professional assessment and screening for health risks and needs, by early intervention to prevent, eliminate, or minimize the impact of illness and /or disability, and by anticipatory guidance and health teaching. Emphasis is on promoting healthy children, families and individuals through early intervention and health teaching. Services rendered in the clinic setting are: child health, adult screening, and immunizations. Home visits are made in crisis situations or when needed health care cannot be given in the clinic. Senior health services are provided at congregate housing sites.

Over the past two years Senior Health clinics have expanded to reach out to seniors who may require a monthly check by a nurse for their blood sugar, blood pressure, and/or diabetes management. The expansion of these services was in response to the decrease in Medicare services to seniors.

Professional and para-professional hourly home services are provided on a private fee-for-service basis. Health education and instruction are part of each home visit or clinic visit.

Anyone in Epsom may request service; patient, doctor, health facility, pastor, friend or neighbor. The nurse who completes an assessment will coordinate with the patient's

physician a plan of care to meet the patient's specific needs. If the patient does not have a physician the nurse will assist the patient to identify one and schedule a visit. The agency has developed a program with the NH Dartmouth Family Practice Residency Program to coordinate a house call visit by a resident to a frail elder's home who is unable to leave his/her home.

A call to concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association (1-800-924-8620) is all that is necessary to start services or make inquiries. The CRVNA office is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM. A nurse is on call twenty-four hours a day. The On-Call Nurse can be reached by calling 1-800-924-8620.

Federal regulations specify a charge is applicable to all visits. Fees are scaled for the individual without health insurance and/or who is unable to pay the full charge. However, to fee scale, federal regulations requires a financial statement be completed by the patient or responsible person. The community health services are provided to residents often times free of charge. Town monies subsidize those visits that are scaled or that no fee is collectible.

This agency is certified as a Medicare/Medicaid Provider, Licensed by the State of New Hampshire, accredited by the Joint commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) with commendation and is a member agency of the United Way of Merrimack County.

Total Visits made during October 1, 1999 through September 30,2000:

	<u>No of Clients</u>	<u>Visits</u>
Home Care/Hospice	88	3,214
Community Health Services		
-Immunizations	23	23
-Dental	16	16
-Child Health	2	13
-Senior Health	50	198
-Baby's Homecoming	24	24
Community Health Total	115	274
Total Clients & Visits	203	3,488

12 Senior Health Clinics
 2 Adult Bereavement Support Groups
 2 Hospice Volunteer Training Groups

COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM
BELKNAP-MERRIMACK COUNTIES, INC.

2001 SUNCOOK AREA CENTER
PROJECTED OPERATING BUDGET

PERSONNEL:

Area Center Director	\$ 20,754
Outreach Worker	17,622
Part-Time Substitute Office Clerk	1,500
Payroll Taxes/Fringe Benefits	<u>16,585</u>

\$ 56,461

OTHER COSTS:

Program Travel 10,500 miles x .29	3,045
Rent/Heating Costs	11,400
Electricity	500
Telephone	2,550
Postage	330
Office/Copier/Computer/Supplies	1,100
Advertising	300
Staff Development/Training	100
Publications	125
Liability/Malpractice/Contents/Bond	
Insurance	<u>350</u>

19,800

TOTAL BUDGET:

\$ 76,261

Federal Share:	35% - \$ 26,756
All Town Share:	<u>65%</u> - <u>49,505</u>
Total:	100% - \$ 76,261

SUMMARY OF SERVICES 2000
PROVIDED TO
EPSOM RESIDENTS
BY THE SUNCOOK AREA CENTER
COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM
BELKNAP-MERRIMACK COUNTIES, INC.

SERVICE DESCRIPTION	UNITS OF SERVICE	HOUSEHOLDS/PERSONS	VALUE
COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM is a nutrition program that offers participants free nutritious foods to supplement their daily diet. The program serves children under six years of age, women during pregnancy and up to 12 months after the birth of their baby. Value \$22.00 per unit. *(An individual may not be enrolled in both the WIC Program and CSFP but a family may have members on both programs.)			
	PACKAGES--417	PERSONS--35	\$ 9,174.00
CONGREGATE MEALS- All elders are welcome to our congregate meal sites/ Senior Centers for nutritious hot meals, social/recreational activities and special events. Value \$5.99 per meal.			
	MEALS--1252	PERSONS--42	\$ 7,499.48
EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRIES provide up to three days of food for people facing temporary food crisis. Value \$3.00 per meal.			
	MEALS--6528	PERSONS--340	\$ 19,584.00
FUEL ASSISTANCE is available to income eligible households to help with energy costs during the prime heating season. Priority is given to the elderly and disabled. The average benefit for the 1999-00 program was \$616.00.			
	APPLICATIONS--88	PERSONS--198	\$ 55,444.50
MEALS-ON-WHEELS provides the delivery of nutritionally balanced hot meals to homebound elderly or adult residents five days per week. Value \$6.10 per meal			
	MEALS--6430	PERSONS--36	\$ 39,223.00
NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBOR provides emergency energy assistance up to \$250 for those not eligible for fuel assistance.			
	GRANTS--4	PERSONS--N/A	\$ 700.00
SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM provides friendly visiting and respite services for home-bound elderly. Income eligible seniors (60+) serve as companions. Value to companions includes mileage, weekly stipend (\$4.56 per hour). Value to visitees is comparable to similar private sector services(\$4.56 per hour).			
	HOURS--237	VISITEES-3	\$ 1,344.00

SERVICE DESCRIPTION	UNITS OF SERVICE	HOUSEHOLDS/PERSONS	VALUE
WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN provides specific food to supplement daily diet of pregnant or nursing women as well as children under five. Participants receive medical/nutritional screening, counseling and education. Value includes value of vouchers and clinical services at \$41.10 per unit.	VOUCHERS--460	PERSONS--38	\$ 18,906.00
WEATHERIZATION improves the energy efficiency of income eligible households. Supplemental program also includes furnace replacement, water heater replacement and roof repair. Value includes average material and labor.	HOMES--2	PERSONS--3	\$ 2,113.38
TRANSPORTATION provides regularly scheduled demand response to and from towns in Belknap and Merrimack Counties to medical and professional facilities, shopping centers, and congregate meal sites. Value \$8.95 per ridership.	RIDES--303	PEOPLE--N/A	\$ 2,711.85
SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM provides income eligible seniors with meaningful training and employment experiences within community based non-profit agencies. Seniors are paid for twenty hours of work weekly until appropriate unsubsidized employment is found.	HOURS--1568	PERSONS--2	\$12,273.53
USDA COMMODITY SURPLUS foods are now distributed directly to local food pantries and kitchens on a quarterly basis. These pantries and soup kitchens service all in need, not just town residents.	CASES--102		<u>\$2,788.55</u>
GRAND TOTAL			\$171,762.29
INFORMATION AND REFERRAL--CAP provides utility, landlord/tenant, legal and health counseling as well as referrals for housing, transportation and other life concerns. These support/advocacy services are not tracked.			

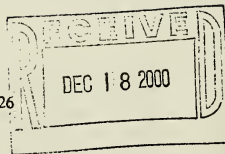
B.C.E.P. Solid Waste District

towns of

Barnstead - Chichester - Epsom - Pittsfield

115 Laconia Road - P.O. Box 426 - Pittsfield, NH 03263-0426

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December 14, 2000

Town of Epsom
Board of Selectmen
P.O. Box 10
Epsom, NH 03234

Dear Board Members:

Below is your FY 2001 apportionment and payment schedule for the B.C.E.P. Solid Waste District. As soon as 2000 actuals have been finalized we will forward the budget to you for publication in your Town Report.

Please note that the first installment is due on or before January 10, 2001.

Apportionment

Town	*Population	Percentage	Amount
Barnstead	3186	24.8809	144,357.77
Chichester	2021	15.7829	91,571.58
Epsom	3742	29.2230	169,550.15
Pittsfield	<u>3856</u>	<u>30.1132</u>	<u>174,715.49</u>
Totals	12,805	100.0000	580,194.99

*Populations are 1995 Office of State Planning projections, based on the 1990 U.S. census.

Payment Schedule

Date Due	Barnstead	Chichester	Epsom	Pittsfield
01/10/2001	47,285.85	29,995.19	55,537.86	57,229.82
04/01/2001	32,357.30	20,525.46	38,004.09	39,161.88
07/01/2001	32,357.30	20,525.46	38,004.09	39,161.88
10/01/2001	<u>32,357.32</u>	<u>20,525.47</u>	<u>38,004.11</u>	<u>39,161.91</u>
Totals	144,357.77	91,571.58	169,550.15	174,715.49

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Earl H. Weir".

Earl H. Weir
District Administrator

BCEP SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

A Message from the District Committee

The year 2000 saw a welcomed increase in prices received for recyclables. This increase enabled the District to realize \$97,510.15 in revenue from the sale of recyclables as well as a savings of \$56,418.29 in avoided tipping fees. These two items provided a total tax relief of \$153,928.44 to District taxpayers. In addition the District has used some of its excess capacity to bail materials for several smaller towns, for a fee.

The District has a web site up and running. The site contains basic information on operating hours, holidays closed, fees and general separation guidelines. The address is www.bcepsolidwaste.com. Bookmark the site in your browser and you'll never have to wonder when we're open.

The District Committee would remind all residents that separation for recycling is mandatory. For those facility users that don't have time to properly separate, the District Committee has instructed the Administrator and staff at the facility to aggressively enforce separation of materials for recycling, or charge for the unseparated material at a rate of 6¢ per pound (\$120.00) per ton.

If you have comments or suggestions please pass them on to the staff at the facility. If you would like to attend a District meeting, the Committee meets the last Thursday of each month (except December), at 7:00 PM, at the Facility.

Waste Tonnage Shipped Comparison

	1999	2000
Garbage	2,468.5 tons	2,315.11 tons
Demolition	696.7 tons	853.67 tons
Tires	73.4 tons	73.77 tons
Total Waste	3,238.6 tons	3,242.55 tons

Recycled Tonnage Shipped Comparison

	1999	2000
Cardboard	196.2 tons	271.21 tons
Newspaper	165.3 tons	138.90 tons
Mixed Paper	210.6 tons	705.64 tons
Aluminum Cans	17.8 tons	14.77 tons
Tin Cans	60.1 tons	46.67 tons
Plastic	45.9 tons	52.01 tons
Auto Batteries	32.9 tons	9.10 tons
Scrap Metal	0.0 tons	491.13 tons
All Other Materials	71.1 tons	66.93 tons
Total Recycled	799.9 tons	1,786.36 tons

Tax Benefit of Recycling Comparison

	1999	2000
Recycling Revenue	42,432.23	97,510.15
Avoided Tipping Fees	48,839.04	56,418.29
Total Tax Savings	\$ 91,271.27	\$153,928.44

B.C.E.P. SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

PITTSFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

EXPENDITURE BUDGET		CURRENT YEAR		ENSUING YEAR		
(ZREVBUD)	11:00	Adopted Budget	Expended as of JAN 10 01	Proposed Budget	Budget Committee	Adopted Budget
Administrative						
1.01	Void Documents	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1.02	Administrator's Salary	41,350.40	46,449.92	43,417.50	43,417.50	43,417.50
1.03	Telephone	2,000.00	3,853.82	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
1.04	Office Supplies	2,000.00	1,052.14	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
1.05	Legal Fees	50.00	266.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
1.06	Accounting Fees	3,300.00	3,214.96	3,300.00	3,300.00	3,300.00
1.08	Secretary-Treasurer	28,000.00	31,355.95	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
1.09	Postage	350.00	368.30	350.00	350.00	350.00
1.10	Advertising	600.00	1,194.45	800.00	800.00	800.00
1.11	Dues	250.00	279.00	280.00	280.00	280.00
1.12	Office Furniture	200.00	0.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
1.13	Permits & Licenses	800.00	531.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
1.14	Transfers to Petty Cash	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1.15	Bottled Water, Coffee, etc.	1,800.00	1,642.06	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
1.16	Unclassified Payments	0.00	-791.28	0.00	0.00	0.00
1.17	Reimbursed Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL FOR Administrative		80,700.40	89,416.32	85,247.50	85,247.50	85,247.50
Maintenance						
2.01	Tools	1,000.00	1,544.70	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
2.02	Building	2,500.00	10,871.83	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
2.03	Machinery & Equipment	2,500.00	4,616.11	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
2.04	Spare Parts & Supplies	6,500.00	9,279.89	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00
2.05	Cleaning Supplies	1,000.00	1,047.59	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
2.06	Air Compressor	0.00	2.43	0.00	0.00	0.00
2.07	Fuel Tanks	200.00	18.52	200.00	200.00	200.00
2.08	Loader	0.00	331.41	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
2.09	Pickup	250.00	459.93	250.00	250.00	250.00
2.10	Conveyer	500.00	2,721.11	500.00	500.00	500.00
2.11	Horizontal Bailer	2,500.00	1,225.59	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
2.12	Pressure Washer	0.00	79.01	200.00	200.00	200.00
2.13	Glass Breaker	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2.14	Trailers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2.18	Forklift	500.00	153.39	500.00	500.00	500.00
2.19	Compactors	1,000.00	1,713.52	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
2.20	Site Work	1,000.00	450.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
2.21	Oil Collection System	250.00	0.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
2.22	Skid Steer	500.00	1,081.88	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
2.23	Power Screen	500.00	16.79	500.00	500.00	500.00
2.24	Roll Off Truck	5,000.00	3,624.60	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
SUBTOTAL FOR MAINTENANCE		25,700.00	39,238.30	28,900.00	28,900.00	28,900.00
Operations						
3.01	Fuel	7,000.00	10,410.17	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
3.02	Propane	1,500.00	1,571.31	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
3.03	Electric	10,000.00	11,714.26	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
3.04	Operations Wages	124,488.00	156,806.03	133,640.00	133,640.00	133,640.00
3.05	FICA	11,935.25	14,545.90	12,738.67	12,738.67	12,738.67
3.06	Hospital Insurance Tax	2,791.31	3,401.60	2,979.20	2,979.20	2,979.20
3.07	Health Insurance	28,523.40	23,568.25	32,000.00	32,000.00	32,000.00
3.08	Workman's Compensation	9,539.46	8,712.00	6,901.27	6,901.27	6,901.27

B.C.E.P. SOLID WASTE DISTRICT
PITTSFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

EXPENDITURE BUDGET		CURRENT YEAR		ENSUING YEAR		
(ZREVBUD)	11:00	Adopted Budget	Expended as of JAN 10 01	Proposed Budget	Budget Committee	Adopted Budget
3.09	Unemployment Comp/FUTA	3,704.13	2,884.04	3,987.84	3,987.84	3,987.84
3.10	Materials Testing	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
3.11	Safety Equipment	5,000.00	6,182.15	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
3.12	Machine Rental	1,320.00	1,440.00	1,320.00	1,320.00	1,320.00
3.13	Retirement	7,932.87	9,370.21	8,100.00	8,100.00	8,100.00
3.14	Employee Training	500.00	100.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
3.15	Purchase of Recyclables	0.00	1,091.20	0.00	0.00	0.00
3.16	Mileage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3.17	Service Fee to Pittsfield	6,300.00	6,300.00	6,300.00	6,300.00	6,300.00
3.18	Employee Tax Deposits	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3.19	Signs	200.00	218.73	200.00	200.00	200.00
3.20	Insurance (General)	6,000.00	4,894.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
3.22	Incentive Plans	6,000.00	500.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
SUBTOTAL FOR Operations		233,234.42	263,709.85	249,166.98	249,166.98	249,166.98
Hauling						
4.01	Demolition Tipping Fees	30,000.00	47,145.63	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
4.02	Freight for Recyclables	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4.03	MSW Tipping Fees	185,000.00	174,128.15	190,000.00	190,000.00	190,000.00
4.04	Tire Removal	7,500.00	7,608.75	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
4.05	Paint/HazMat Removal	1,500.00	150.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
4.06	Septage Removal	250.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
4.07	Equipment Rental	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL FOR Hauling		224,250.00	229,432.53	229,400.00	229,400.00	229,400.00
Capital						
5.01	Canister Purchase	2,000.00	0.00	7,385.62	7,385.62	7,385.62
5.02	Used Oil Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5.03	Hot Top	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
5.06	Storage/Handling	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5.07	Other Equipment Purchases	8,027.28	5,183.55	0.00	0.00	0.00
5.08	Glass Crusher	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
5.09	Skid Steer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5.10	Transfers to Reserve	26,372.50	26,372.50	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
5.11	Grant Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5.12	Roll-Off Truck	25,480.39	25,480.39	25,480.39	25,480.39	25,480.39
5.13	Loader	21,000.00	21,464.50	21,464.50	21,464.50	21,464.50
5.14	Scales	0.00	41,610.77	0.00	0.00	0.00
5.15	Z Wall Pad	0.00	8,165.87	0.00	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL FOR Capital		87,880.17	128,277.58	86,330.51	86,330.51	86,330.51
Landfill						
6.01	Engineering Costs	3,830.00	3,835.34	0.00	0.00	0.00
6.02	Materials	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6.03	Contracted Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
6.04	Land Purchase	0.00	45.10	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
6.05	Groundwater Monitoring	6,500.00	7,505.36	0.00	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL FOR Landfill		10,330.00	11,385.80	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		662,094.99	761,460.38	686,544.99	686,544.99	686,544.99

B.C.E.P. SOLID WASTE DISTRICT
PITTSFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

REVENUE BUDGET		CURRENT YEAR		ENSUING YEAR		
		Adopted Budget	Actual as of JAN 10 01	Proposed Budget	Budget Committee	Adopted Budget
(ZREVBUD)						
General						
10.01	Disposal Fees	5,000.00	9,596.40	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
10.02	Interest on Accounts	500.00	1,622.08	750.00	750.00	750.00
10.03	Refunds & Dividends	8,000.00	8,412.53	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
10.04	Demolition Fees	30,000.00	35,373.56	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00
10.05	Sale of Equipment/Other	0.00	97.69	0.00	0.00	0.00
10.06	Tonic Machine	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10.07	Transfers from Petty Cash	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10.08	Permit Stickers	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10.09	Grants	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
10.11	Service Revenue	0.00	14,307.18	0.00	0.00	0.00
10.14	Reimbursements	0.00	68.65	0.00	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL FOR General		43,500.00	69,478.09	54,250.00	54,250.00	54,250.00
Reserve						
11.01	Transfers from Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL FOR Reserve		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Recycling						
12.01	Aluminum Cans	15,000.00	14,760.76	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
12.03	Cardboard	8,000.00	19,279.78	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
12.04	Scrap Metal	5,000.00	18,308.01	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
12.05	Grants	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12.06	Newspaper	3,000.00	12,040.30	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
12.07	Plastic	250.00	2,678.79	250.00	250.00	250.00
12.08	Tin Cans	500.00	2,481.71	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
12.09	Aluminum Extrusion	0.00	477.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
12.10	#1 Copper	500.00	0.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
12.11	Wet Cell Batteries	750.00	611.16	350.00	350.00	350.00
12.12	Cast Aluminum	0.00	370.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
12.13	New Aluminum	0.00	79.20	0.00	0.00	0.00
12.14	Mixed Paper	500.00	26,853.19	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00
12.15	Lead	0.00	3.96	0.00	0.00	0.00
12.16	CFC Pumping Serv.	400.00	1,296.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
12.17	Aluminum Copper Radiation	500.00	155.02	500.00	500.00	500.00
12.18	Brass	250.00	339.34	250.00	250.00	250.00
12.19	Old Aluminum	500.00	3,868.20	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
12.20	Radiators	250.00	91.35	250.00	250.00	250.00
12.21	Shop Wire	500.00	299.25	500.00	500.00	500.00
12.22	#2 Copper	0.00	284.87	0.00	0.00	0.00
12.23	Irony Aluminum	0.00	676.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12.24	Dirty Sorted Office Paper	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL FOR Recycling		38,400.00	104,955.11	52,100.00	52,100.00	52,100.00
Tax Revenue						
13.01	Barnstead Tax	144,357.77	144,357.77	144,357.77	144,357.77	144,357.77
13.02	Chichester Tax	91,571.58	91,571.58	91,571.58	91,571.58	91,571.58
13.03	Epsom Tax	169,550.15	169,550.15	169,550.15	169,550.15	169,550.15
13.04	Pittsfield Tax	174,715.49	174,715.49	174,715.49	174,715.49	174,715.49
SUBTOTAL FOR Tax Revenue		580,194.99	580,194.99	580,194.99	580,194.99	580,194.99
TOTAL REVENUE ALL SOURCES		662,094.99	754,628.19	686,544.99	686,544.99	686,544.99

B.C.E.P. Solid Waste District
Treasurer's Report
 for YTD 2000

Operating Fund (Checking Account)Cash on Hand Beginning Year

Checking Account 93991-60081.....	\$	8,834.09
Savings Account 939-157258-3.....		85.42

Revenue

Operating Revenue (10.01-10.14)	\$	69,478.09
Transfers from Capital Reserve (11.01)		-0-
Recycling Revenue (12.01-12.21)		104,955.11
Current year tax Revenue (13.01-13.04)		580,194.99
Fire Related Revenue (14.01)		-0-

Total Revenue received during Year..... \$ 754,628.19

Total Receipts and Cash in Accounts..... \$ 763,547.70

Expenditures:

Administrative (1.01-1.17).....	\$	89,416.32
Maintenance (2.01-2.24)		39,238.30
Operations (3.01-3.22).....		263,709.85
Hauling/Transportation (4.01-4.07)		229,432.53
Capital Expenditures (5.01-5.11)		128,277.58
Landfill Closure (6.01-6.05).....		11,385.80
Liabilities (7.01)		-0-
Fire Related (8.01-8.06)		-0-

Total Expenditures During Year \$ 761,460.38

Cash on Hand Year End

Savings Account 939-157258-3.....	1,707.30
Checking Account 93991-60081.....	380.02

Total Cash on hand Year End..... \$ 2,087.32

Reserve Fund (Savings Account)Cash on Hand Beginning Year:

Reserve Funds Beginning Year (NH-01-0407-0001).....	\$	91,965.11
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Revenue:

Transfers from Operating Fund	\$	26,372.50
Interest received during Year		6,095.03

Total Revenue received during Year \$ 32,467.53

Expenditures During Year:

Transfers to Operating Fund during Year.....		-0-
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Cash on hand Year End..... \$ 124,432.64


 Treasurer, BCEP Solid Waste

CAPITAL AREA MUTUAL AID FIRE COMPACT

105 Loudon Road
P.O. Box 7206
Concord, New Hampshire 03301
Telephone: 225-8988
FAX: 228-0983

2000 ANNUAL REPORT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This report is intended to provide the Board of Directors with a summation of Compact operations during the year 2000.

The Compact continues to serve eighteen communities in the Capital Area encompassing 644 square miles. The latest population estimates are 98,487. This population fluctuates constantly depending on day of week and time of day. Major events, transportation route activity, and weather conditions also impact the types and volume of emergencies that our departments respond to.

Fire and Emergency Medical dispatch service continues to be provided by the City of Concord Fire Department through contract. Call volume increased in the year 2000 to 13,362. A detailed report by community is attached. Staffing in year 2000 was one Communications Supervisor and five fulltime Dispatchers. One additional dispatcher will be hired in 2001 to provide two-person coverage seven days a week during peak activity hours. In October the Concord Fire Department Administration and the Dispatch Center moved from Green Street to 24 Horseshoe Pond Lane. The City of Concord renovated three older buildings at the former Water Works property. This complex is state of the art with the Dispatch Center located in a separate building. The timing was appropriate to coincide with our upgrade of Computer Aided Dispatch hardware and software.

Communications Supervisor Lt. Ernest Petrin welcomes visits to the Center and requests that you call in advance to make arrangements. Lt. Petrin visited several department meetings this year to provide information and training in dispatch procedures and will continue those visits to the remaining departments in 2001. Please call him to make arrangements. We commend the Concord's dispatch staff and administration for their excellent cooperation in providing dispatch services

The Chief Coordinator responded to more than 100 mutual aid incidents, and handles the administrative functions of the Compact. He participated on several state and regional committees, including Hazardous Materials, NH Federation of Mutual Aids, NH Association of Fire Chiefs (and Legislative Committee), E 911 Remote ANI/ALI Implementation Group, Forest Fire Wardens Associations, and others.

The Compact operated with a 2000 budget appropriation of \$ 467,356. This amount included dispatch service, Compact operations, and the computer aided dispatch upgrades.

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The following members served the Compact in 2000 in the following positions:

President:	Chief H. Dana Abbott, Bow
Vice President:	Chief Paul Welcome, Webster
Secretary:	Past Chief Peter Russell, Hopkinton
Treasurer:	Firefighter John R. Burton, Bow
Chief Coordinator:	Chief Richard E. Wright, Loudon
Executive Committee:	Chief H. Dana Abbott, Pres., Bow Chief Paul Welcome, V. Pres., Webster Chief Peter Russell, Hopkinton Chief Richard Brown, Warner Chief Leonard Deane, Pittsfield Chief Harold Paulsen, Pembroke
Dispatch Committee Chair:	Chief Harold Paulsen, Pembroke
Training Committee Chair:	Captain Richard Pistey, Bow
Haz-Mat Committee Chair:	Batt. Chief Donald DeAngelis, Concord
Central NH HazMat Team Chief:	Dep. Chief Richard Siegel, Belmont

The Dispatch Committee under the direction of Chief Paulsen continues to assist with CAD issues, and makes recommendations for standardized dispatch procedures. Chiefs Hillsgrove, Wright, and Lt. Petrin all spent several days out of their busy schedules to attend classes in New Jersey and on computer aided dispatch issues.

Captain Dick Pistey and his Training Committee once again provided the opportunity for all departments to host a mutual aid drill. Drills were held throughout the Compact with training in various subject areas. We appreciate the efforts and expertise that Captain Pistey and his committee have contributed to our combined training exercises for many years.

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The Central New Hampshire Haz-Mat Team, comprised of Capital Area and Lakes Region members continues to train bi-weekly and responds to 53 communities in our combined coverage areas. The team operates with three response units and will welcome personnel interested in joining, training, and operating with the team. The entire team participated in TopOff, a major federal exercise held at Portsmouth in May. Through the aid of federal grants, we continue to collect and index inventories of hazardous materials reported by facilities in our operating area.

As we enter the year 2001, we look back at 35 years of history that the Compact has been in business. This system should be proud not only of the progress that has been made in providing mutual aid assistance to its members but to the level of cooperation that has existed over those many years. We will face new challenges in addressing regional response issues and look forward to being a progressive leader in always improving our fire and emergency medical services to our communities.

We encourage all departments to send representatives and actively participate in all Compact meetings. Your input is needed on all issues and your members need to be informed of Compact activities and planning.

Please contact any Compact officer or the Chief Coordinator if we may be of assistance.



Dick Wright, Chief Coordinator
CAPITAL AREA FIRE COMPACT

cc: Fire Chiefs
Boards of Selectmen

01/17/2001

Benefits of Town-Coordinated Private Well Water Quality Testing Program

The enclosed camera-ready public service announcement alerts homeowners with private wells to the importance of testing their wells for water quality. In some communities, the health officer, code enforcement department, or planning board has acted as an intermediary between the laboratory and the private well owner. This effort, as an intermediary, could involve as little as stocking empty sample bottles at the town hall or as much as acting as a courier of filled sample bottles on a formal schedule, such as every other week. Please feel free to contact Bernie Lucey at the N.H. Department of Environmental Services, 271-2952, to discuss these options in more detail.

Benefits of Town Coordination

- Town-coordinated stocking and/or courier service for sample bottles assists the private well owner by saving time and fuel.
- Water quality testing will reduce needless health risks to residents who have contaminated wells.
- Water quality data helps guide town planning efforts. The data increases the town's knowledge of the quality of its water resources. Also, through such testing, highly contaminated areas may be identified before additional development begins. In high contaminant areas, central water systems may be less costly than installing individual water treatment units in each well owner's basement.



Private Well Users!

Have you had your well tested recently?

Drinking water from private wells in New Hampshire sometimes contains contaminants at levels that can pose health risks. Only a water quality test, by a competent laboratory, can assure that your family is protected.

What types of contaminants might be present in your well?

The following contaminants, some naturally-occurring and others man-made, have been found in private well water in New Hampshire:

Arsenic

Bacteria

Fluoride

Nitrate

Radium

Radon

Sodium

Uranium

Volatile Organic Chemicals (VOCs)



Where can I learn more about this?

For further information, please visit the N.H. Department of Environmental Services' web site at www.des.state.nh.us/wseb, then select "fact sheets," then 2-1.

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Boscawen, NH 03303
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County Offices

Belfrap County
527-5475

Carroll County
539-3331

Cheshire County
352-4550

Cooks County
788-4961

Grafton County
787-6944

Hillsborough County
Goffstown – 621-1478
Milford – 673-2510
UNHM – 629-9494

Merrimack County
796-2151

Rockingham County
679-5616

Strafford County
749-4445

Sullivan County
863-9200

UNH Cooperative Extension

As your local link to the University of New Hampshire, Cooperative Extension provides practical, research-based education to people of all ages, helping them make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families, and communities, sustain natural resources, forests, wildlife and agriculture, and improve the economy.

Merrimack County residents benefit from a wide range of Extension offerings, which include 4-H and youth development programs, monitoring water quality in our lakes and rivers, reducing the use of pesticides, parenting programs, land use management, food safety, forest stewardship, family finances, meeting the needs of low income families, strengthening our communities and developing a strong volunteer base while providing a wide range of information to citizens. This year, Extension expanded its public outreach with a toll-free Family, Home & Garden Info Line, staffed Monday through Friday, 9am to 2pm (1-877-398-4769).

Extension staff provides education to forest landowners, food producers and plant growers that helps keep their enterprises profitable, thus preserving their land as open space. Many studies show that open space helps keep property taxes low, as it places few demands on taxpayers for services.

A major statewide Extension initiative, Strengthening New Hampshire Communities has impacted Merrimack County. Extension staff have worked with the communities in a variety of ways. Several Merrimack County towns have participated in Extension's exciting *Community Profile* process. A Community Profile is a tool to help community members create a vision about what they want their community to be like, and then forms action groups to reach those goals. In addition Cooperative Extension provides publication notebooks for all town libraries. The Extension currently participates in a monthly radio program on WKXL providing information to the communities throughout the County. Extension information can also be obtained from the Web at ceinfo.unh.edu. Follow-up support is available from UNH Cooperative Extension staff.

Other community efforts include after school programs, teen assessment projects, wellness teams, town office visits, the Master Gardener program, working with town officials to make sure local ordinances are "agriculture-friendly" and assisting schools with maintenance of athletic fields and landscaped areas.

The staff in Merrimack County includes nine Extension educators, two state specialists and three support staff. Educators reach approximately one of every four families in the county.

DEATHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF EPSOM
Year Ending December 31, 2000

Name of Deceased:	Date:	Father's Name:	Mother's Name:
Berchner, Hilda	08/03/00	William Berchner	Maretta Sanborn
Bernard, Norman E.	06/01/00	Edward Bernard	Marie Bernier
Berry, Alberta F.	01/02/00	George Witham	Ada Higgins
Bianchi, Alice E.	02/21/00	Golbert Webster	Elsie Swasey
Blaeser-Fischer, Erika D.	12/06/00	Paulus Kranz	Elsa Endemann
Blanchard, C. H.	01/05/00	John Stafford	Susan Hopson
Bourque, Patricia L.	07/04/00	Robert Doyle	Cecil Leblanc
Carberry, Harold	10/09/00	Ernest Carberry	Mary Berry
Clements, Susanne M.	05/08/00	John Clements	Hildegard Dobas
Cloutman, Heloise	03/08/00	Eliphalet Cloutman	Mary Hurley
Cody, Agnes B.	06/25/00	Patrick Cody	Loretta Ross
Coombs, Arthur W.	01/31/00	Stephen Coombs	Alice Hooks
Cordaro, Beatrice L.	06/11/00	James Cordaro	Ellen Norton
Demers, Germaine R.	10/01/00	Joseph Baril	Cordelia Trudel
Dougwillo, Lorraine E.	11/18/00	Robert Leloff	Dorothy Stratton
Drolet, Lena	03/09/00	William Bussieres	Josephine Roberts
Eastman, Mary B.	01/03/00	Ernest Bates	Christie Thurlow
Felix, Normand J.	12/08/00	Oscar Felix	Amanda Moquin
Gilchrest, Bernice M.	01/24/00	Arvin Mills	Etta Griffin
Girardin, Mary I.	01/30/00	Carl Glidden	Irma Smith
Grivois, Stephen A.	03/04/00	Arthur Grivois	Mabel Barrett
Guenther, Marilyn S.	03/11/00	Robert Goodrich	Marion Scott
Hazen, Elizabeth S.	02/11/00	Thomas Spence	Mary Davidson
Heath, Hattie B.	10/01/00	Robert Zinn	Paula Wiegand
Hussey, Elizabeth W.	02/06/00	John Watson	Martha Hamm
Johnson, Eric G.	12/18/00	Emil Johnson	Elsie Wallen
Jursik, Emily	02/17/00	August Karlosky	Unknown
Kelso, Anita M.	02/19/00	Louis Cozzi	Philomena Ceci
Kenison, Robert T.	12/15/00	Frances Kenison	June Sargent
Lavalley, William H.	03/28/00	Henry Lavalley	Ida Gilman
Leavitt, Bertha E.	01/02/00	Paul Fuller	Anne Ellis
McPherson, Madeline I.	02/24/00	Oscar Beal	Abigail Doyle
Merrill, Janet K.	08/16/00	Harry Kennedy	Grace Nason
Miller, Brendan	10/08/00	Matthew Miller	Kristy Cushing
Palmer, Elmer H.	04/05/00	Elmer Palmer	Esther Waterhouse
Pitcher, Constance	10/26/00	Neil Walker	Mary Leighton
Preve, Kenneth E.	05/26/00	Leo Preve	Aurora Mastroianni
Raymond, Andre P.	06/28/00	Albert Raymond	Ysola Denoncourt
Robb, Dorothy A.	01/20/00	Charles Twombly	Lucenia Short
Sargent, Willard C.	04/25/00	G. Sargent	Edith Canney
Schricker, Marion B.	10/20/00	Lester McDowell	Edna Robinson
Stammers, Elaine F.	07/26/00	Robert Tincare	Fanny Cook
Taylor, Margaret H.	03/21/00	John Dahmer	Annie Gordon
Thomas, Jean J.	01/27/00	Stanley Slupecki	Stella Kaluzna
Walsh, George J.	08/31/00	William Walsh	Anna Rautheisen
Whittier, Effie L.	02/28/00	Frank Lingard	Celia Smith
Wiggin, Phyllis S.	04/14/00	Bert Hackett	Annie Schmith
Worth, Richard G.	12/28/00	Almon Worth	Florence Seaver

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF EPSOM
For the Year Ending December 31, 2000

DATE:	PLACE:	GROOM & BRIDE:	RESIDENCE:
07/11/99	Epsom	Derek Jason Martel Amy L. Orff	Epsom Epsom
01/07/00	Littleton	James J. Robinson Elizabeth A. Jones	Epsom Epsom
03/04/00	Epsom	David L. Morse Peggy T. McCall	Epsom Epsom
03/09/00	Concord	David A. Elliott Selma P. Bedore	Epsom Epsom
04/15/00	Concord	Christopher S. White Andrea J. Carleton	Epsom Epsom
04/22/00	Epsom	Arthur J. Michon Gail E. Curtis	Epsom Epsom
04/30/00	Epsom	Wayne A. Barentine Danica D. Lidstone	Epsom Epsom
05/07/00	Gilmanton	Mark A. Levesque Sandra R. Smith	Epsom Epsom
05/20/00	Epsom	Thomas S. Wallace Betzy Y. Gutierrez Sanjuan	Epsom Epsom
05/20/00	Epsom	Robert J. Ross Christine Walker	Epsom Epsom
05/20/00	Epsom	Paul A. Raymond Jennifer L. St. Pierre	Epsom Epsom
05/27/00	Epsom	Robert A. Hutchins Kathy L. Aubin	Epsom Epsom
06/17/00	Epsom	Travis J. Keeler Ann M. Connor	Epsom Pembroke
06/17/00	Epsom	Wilfred Gagne Lisa A. Lugg	Epsom Epsom
06/17/00	Northwood	Michael A. Pickering Shirley A. St. Laurent	Epsom Epsom

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF EPSOM
For the Year Ending December 31, 2000

DATE:	PLACE:	GROOM & BRIDE:	RESIDENCE:
06/18/00	Epsom	David P. Roukey Angela A. Duford	Epsom Epsom
06/23/00	Boscawen	William S. Boyd Mary R. Speed	Epsom Epsom
06/24/00	Colebrook	William G. Zirngiebel Maryann M. Fisher	Epsom Harleysville, PA
06/27/00	Concord	Jeffrey J. Dwinall Kelli R. Mullen	Hooksett Epsom
07/06/00	Epsom	Joshua Fredyma Shanna L. Hoffman	Epsom Deerfield
07/08/00	.Rye	Chad M. Cross Lisa L. Hamilton	Epsom Epsom
07/15/00	Epsom	Matthew J. Miller Kristy L. Cushing	Chichester Epsom
07/15/00	Manchester	Joel K. Marshall Julie A. Gagne	Loudon Epsom
08/05/00	Peterborough	Stephen N. Kelley Susan D. Tirrell	Epsom Epsom
08/19/00	Epsom	Randolph A. Worthen Margaret A. Horne	Epsom Epsom
08/25/00	Henniker	Donald A. Beauchesne Karen A. Carroll	Epsom Epsom
08/26/00	Manchester	Carey E. Plummer Kristy M. Cunningham	Epsom Epsom
09/03/00	Concord	Mario K. Carri Kimberley Parenteau	Del City, OK Epsom
09/08/00	Epsom	Jamal R. Hadley Donna L. Otto	Epsom Epsom
09/16/00	Lee	Stuart O. Merrill Cindy F. McFetridge	Kittery, ME Epsom
09/16/00	Merrimack	Richard J. Morest Betty L. Clark	Epsom Epsom

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF EPSOM
For the Year Ending December 31, 2000

DATE:	PLACE:	GROOM & BRIDE:	RESIDENCE:
10/01/00	Laconia	Jon E. Harwood Stacey I. Manning	Epsom Epsom
10/07/00	Madison	Robert W. Bennett Cheryl E. Purington	Epsom Epsom
10/07/00	Raymond	Eric D. Jones Heather J. Flemming	Epsom Epsom
10/08/00	Concord	David S. Maksey Rita A. Arlotta	Epsom Epsom
10/22/00	Allenstown	John F. Martin Carol A. Jacobs	Epsom Bow
10/28/00	Chichester	Stacy W. Frew Dawn L. Bouchard	Epsom Epsom
11/04/00	Concord	David M. Williams Christina M. Higley	Epsom Epsom
11/11/00	Concord	Richard A. Drew Joni A. Bickford	Epsom Epsom
12/24/00	Epsom	Joshua Y. Virgin Heather L. Hinkley	Epsom Manchester

BIRTHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF EPSOM, NH
For the Year Ending December 31, 2000

NAME OF CHILD:	DATE:	PLACE:	FATHER & MOTHER:
Abbott, Parker William	01/23/00	Manchester	Abbott, William Abbott, Carole
Army, Christian Curtis	11/22/00	Concord	Army, Bruce Army, Jennifer
Bean, Chandler James	04/27/00	Concord	Bean, James Bean, Kara-Lee
Blanchette, Lucrene	12/15/00	Manchester	Blanchette, Dany Blanchette, Christine
Brisson, Joseph Alexander	04/30/00	Concord	Brisson, James Brisson, Denise
Brooks, Felicia Amanda	05/20/00	Concord	Brooks, Michael Brooks, Christine
Brown, Jason Matthew	09/11/00	Concord	Brown, Michael Brown, Lori
Burns, Ryan Oliver	07/20/00	Manchester	Burns, Patrick Burns, Wendy
Ciesielski, Faith Ann	09/15/00	Concord	Ciesielski, Matthew Ciesielski, Jennifer
Comeau, Brandon Alan	11/15/00	Manchester	Comeau, Timothy Comeau, Jennifer
Commerford, Ryan Patrick	06/07/00	Concord	Commerford, Mark Commerford, Sheila
Cotelleso, Hannah Sophia	03/23/00	Concord	Cotelleso, Jamie Cotelleso, Sarah
Dail, Eamhardt Reese	05/24/00	Concord	Dail, Joel Dail, Meggin
Dovholuk, Holli Marie	12/22/00	Concord	Dovholuk, Stephen Dovholuk, Lori-Ann
Ellsworth, Corbin Rylee	03/17/00	Concord	Ellsworth, Lucas Ellsworth, Angie
Flewelling, Jenna MacKenzie	11/02/00	Concord	Flewelling, Jad Flewelling, Toni-Lynn
Furey, Elizabeth Emily	08/25/00	Concord	Furey, Andre Furey, Lauren
Jackson, Emily Ann Phyllis	10/24/00	Concord	Jackson, Steven Jackson, Mary Ann
Juranty, Connor Bryant	06/22/00	Concord	Juranty, Thomas Juranty, Jodi
Juranty, Sydney Lynn	06/22/00	Concord	Juranty, Thomas Juranty, Jodi
Mason, Aimee Elizabeth	02/05/00	Manchester	Mason, David Mason, Denise

BIRTHS RECORDED IN THE TOWN OF EPSOM, NH
For the Year Ending December 31, 2000

Miller, Brendan Kyle	10/02/00	Lebanon	Miller, Matthew Miller, Kristy
Miller, Kaleb Keegan	10/02/00	Lebanon	Miller, Matthew Miller, Kristy
Muise, Katherine Elizabeth	11/25/00	Manchester	Muise, Peter Muise, Michelle
Parris, Paige Madeleine	03/28/00	Epsom	Parris, Richard Yeaton-Parris, Jennifer
Peacock, Crystal Lynn	03/28/00	Exeter	Peacock, Barry Peacock, Suzanne
Pratt, Alexander William	03/19/00	Manchester	Pratt, Michael Pratt, Robin
Ransom, Evelyn Whittemore	01/25/00	Concord	Ransom, Lee Ransom, Jessie
Roukey, Kyle David	12/09/00	Concord	Roukey, David Roukey, Angela
Sherman, Jacob Connor	01/30/00	Concord	Sherman, James Sherman, Kim
Spaulding, Daniel Scott	01/25/00	Concord	Spaulding, Scott Spaulding, Patricia
St. Onge, Victoria Renee	10/24/00	Concord	St. Onge, Cary St. Onge, Darci
Tharp, Elisabeth Marie	05/04/00	Manchester	Tharp, Keith Tharp, Michelle
Waite, Alexander McCarthy	11/03/00	Concord	Waite, Kris Waite, Lori
Xintaras Beauchesne, Daphine	09/15/00	Concord	Beauchesne, Jason Xintaras Beauchesne, Kelly

**EPSOM VILLAGE DISTRICT
EPSOM, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03234**

OFFICERS

Gary Kitson, Commissioner	Term Expires 2001
William Clark, Commissioner	Term Expires 2002
David Bird, Commissioner	Term Expires 2003
Joni Kitson, Treasurer	
Joni Kitson, Clerk	Term Expires 2001
David Siress, Moderator	Term Expires 2001

EPSOM VILLAGE DISTRICT
TREASURERS REPORT
JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2000

CASH ON HAND:

December 31, 1999		\$43,728.19
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REVENUE:

Hydrant Rental	\$3,000.00	
Interest on Checking Account	448.14	
Miscellaneous Income	1,075.00	
Reimbursed Expenses	0.00	
Revenue Sharing	1,117.29	
Water Usage	94,987.52	\$100,627.95

TOTAL REVENUE		\$144,356.14
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EXPENDITURES:

Billing and Finance	\$5,040.00	
Electric	7,203.84	
Heat	1,111.31	
Insurance	861.00	
Lab Testing	1,754.00	
Interest on Debt	1,750.00	
Principal on Debt	3,500.00	
Materials	7,830.02	
Office Expenses	1,283.28	
Officers Salaries	1,750.00	
Operator Contract	33,420.00	
Professional Fees	0.00	
Reimbursable Expenses	0.00	
Repairs and Maintenance	10,549.04	
Telephone	1,156.01	
Water System Update Fund	2,000.00	(\$79,208.50)

TRANSFER to Tank Maintenance Fund		(\$2,000.00)
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES		(\$81,208.50)
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CASH ON HAND:

December 31, 2000		\$63,147.64
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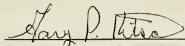
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
EPSOM VILLAGE DISTRICT WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the Epsom Village District in the County of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the **Epsom Town Hall** in said Epsom on **Thursday**, the **Fifteenth** (15th) day of **March**, next at **6:00pm** of the clock to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for ensuing year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Commissioner for a term of three (3) years.
4. To hear reports of Agents, Committees, or Officers chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.
5. To see if the District will vote to authorize the continuance of a Trust Fund previously established pursuant to RSA 31:19(a), and known as the Epsom Village Tank Maintenance Fund; and to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4000.00) to be placed in the Fund for the purpose of Tank Maintenance; and to authorize the use/transfer of \$4000.00 from the December 31, 2000 Fund Balance for this purpose. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)
6. To see what action the District will take upon the Budget (**\$93,510.00**) as submitted by the Budget Committee. Said sum includes \$4,000.00 from article 5.
(Recommended by the Budget Committee)
7. To transact any other business which may be brought before this meeting.

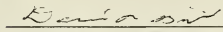
Given under our hand and seal, this 11th day of January, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and one.



Gary P. Kitson, Commissioner



William E. Clark, Commissioner



David R. Bird, Commissioner

Epsom Village District

Proposed 2001 Budget

Expense	2000 Budget	Proposed 2001 Budget
Electric	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00
Heat	800.00	800.00
Insurance	1,300.00	1,300.00
Lab Testing	2,000.00	2,000.00
Interest on Debt	1,800.00	1,600.00
Materials	11,000.00	11,000.00
Office Expenses	1,500.00	1,500.00
Officers Salaries	1,750.00	1,750.00
Operator Contract	33,420.00	33,420.00
Principal of Debt	3,600.00	3,600.00
Professional Fees	800.00	800.00
Reimbursable Expenses	1,000.00	1,000.00
Repairs and Maintenance	13,000.00	13,000.00
Telephone	1,200.00	1,200.00
Water System Update	2,000.00	4,000.00
Billing and Finance	5,040.00	5,040.00

Warrant Article

Tank Maintenance Fund	2,000.00	4,000.00
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Total Expenses	\$89,710.00	\$93,510.00
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Income

Hydrant Rental	3,000.00	3,000.00
Interest on Checking Account	500.00	500.00
Miscellaneous Income	2,000.00	2,000.00
Reimbursed Expenses	1,000.00	1,000.00
Revenue Sharing	1,117.00	1,117.00
Surplus Fund Transfer	12,000.00	5,000.00
Water Usage	70,093.00	80,893.00
Total Income	\$89,710.00	\$93,510.00

OFFICERS OF EPSOM SCHOOL DISTRICT
For the Year Ending June 2000

Moderator
ASHTON WELCH

District Clerk
LISA MACNAUGHTON

School Board

TIM RIEL	Term Expires 2001
KEITH COTA	Term Expires 2002
VIRGINIA DREW	Term Expires 2002
DONALD HARTY	Term Expires 2003
ANDREW TURNBULL	Term Expires 2003

Superintendent of Schools
THOMAS HALEY

Asst. Superintendent of Schools
DAVID DZIURA

Business Administrator
PETER AUBREY

Principal
MARY DEVLIN

Treasurer
LINDA MARTEL

Auditor
BRENT W. WASHBURN, C.P.A.

Truant Officer
EPSOM POLICE DEPARTMENT

School Nurse
JOAN POZNER

EPSOM ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES FEBRUARY 5, 2000

The annual School District Meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM on Saturday, February 5, 2000.

Article 1: To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and to make any recommendation relating thereto.

The Moderator read Article 1. The School Board recognized and thanked Bob Cutter as a special volunteer. He was presented with a special gift.

Article 2: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$4,583,735. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$4,471,140 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the school district, or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

[Approval of the proposed School District budget will result in a projected \$2.32 per \$1,000 increase in the tax rate. Rejection of the proposed budget will result in a projected \$1.59 per \$1,000 increase in the tax rate.] (School Board Recommends Approval) (Budget Committee Recommends Approval)

Article 2 was read. After discussion, the Moderator announced that Article 2 shall appear on the ballot as presented.

Article 3: To see if the District will vote to approve the cost items as set forth in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Epsom School Board and the Epsom Teachers Association for the 2000/01, 2001/02 and 2002/03 fiscal years which calls for the following estimated increases in salaries and benefits:

Year 2000/01	\$93,780
Year 2001/02	\$79,516
Year 2002/03	\$75,436

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$93,780 for the 2000/01 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries

and benefits agreed to by the Epsom School Board and the Epsom Teachers Association.

[Approval of the collective bargaining agreement will result in a \$.61 per \$1,000 increase in the tax rate.] (School Board Recommends Approval) (Budget Committee Recommends Approval)

Article 3 was read. After discussion, the Moderator announced that Article 3 shall appear on the ballot as presented.

Article 4: To choose Agents and Committees in relation to any subjects embraced in the Warrant.

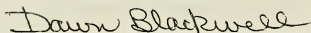
Article 4 was read. There were no agents or committees to choose.

Article 5: To transact other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Article 5 was read. There was no other business.

At 10:20 AM the meeting was adjourned to the second session on Tuesday, March 14, 2000 at 8:00 AM at the Legion Hall to cast ballots.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dawn Blackwell".

Dawn Blackwell
School District Clerk

EPSOM SCHOOL ELECTION RESULTS
MARCH 14, 2000

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER – 3 YEARS	DONALD HARTY	625
VOTE FOR TWO	ANDREW TURNBULL	599
MODERATOR – 3 YEARS	ASHTON E. WELCH	906
CLERK – 3 YEARS	LISA MACNAUGHTON	869
TREASURER – 3 YEARS	LINDA MARTEL	917

WARRANT ARTICLES AS MODIFIED ON FEBRUARY 5, 2000

Article 1: Shall the District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$4,583,735? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$4,471,140 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the school district, or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

[Approval of the proposed School District budget will result in a projected \$2.32 per \$1,000 increase in the tax rate. Rejection of the proposed budget will result in a projected \$1.59 per \$1,000 increase in the tax rate.] (School Board Recommends Approval)
(Budget Committee Recommends Approval)

YES 542 NO 436

Article 2: Shall the District approve the cost items as set forth in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Epsom School Board and the Epsom Teachers Association for the 2000/01, 2001/02 and 2002/03 fiscal years which calls for the following estimated increases in salaries and benefits:

Year 2000/01	\$93,780
Year 2001/02	\$79,516
Year 2002/03	\$75,436

and further raise and appropriate the sum of \$93,780 for the 2000/01 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits agreed to by the Epsom School Board and the Epsom Teachers Association?

[Approval of the collective bargaining agreement will result in a \$.61 per \$1,000 increase in the tax rate.] (School Board Recommends Approval) (Budget Committee Recommends Approval)

YES 608 NO 373

EPSOM SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF EPSOM,
QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS:

You are hereby notified to meet at the American Legion in said District on the 13th day
of March, 2001 at 8:00 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose one member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

The polls are to open at 8:00 A.M. and will close not earlier than 7:00 P.M.

All other School District business to be conducted at the regular School District meeting
as otherwise posted.

Given under our hands at said Epsom this 17th day of January, 2001.

Keith Cota, Chair
Virginia Drew
Donald Harty
Timothy Riel
Andrew Turnbull
EPSOM SCHOOL BOARD

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF EPSOM, QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Epsom Central School in said District on the 3rd day of February, 2001 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning to deliberate upon the following subjects:

1. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and to make any recommendation relating thereto.

2. To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$5,164,439. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$5,143,830 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the school district, or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

[Approval of the proposed School District budget will result in a projected \$3.46 per \$1,000 increase in the tax rate. Rejection of the proposed budget will result in a projected \$3.33 per \$1,000 increase in the tax rate.]

School Board Recommends Approval
Budget Committee Recommends Approval

3. To see if the Epsom School District shall accept the provisions of RSA 195-A (as amended) providing for the renewal of an A.R.E.A. school located in Pembroke to serve students in grades 9-12 from the school districts of Allenstown, Chichester and Epsom, in accordance with the provisions of the plan on file with the district clerk and contingent upon the approval of the State Board of Education.

[This article asks whether voters wish to modify the existing A.R.E.A. Agreement with Pembroke Academy. The most significant change would grant one member of the Allenstown, Chichester and Epsom School Boards voting status on the Pembroke School Board for all matters related to the governance of Pembroke Academy. Other changes nullify the exclusion of certain Epsom students and bring the Agreement into compliance with current statute.]

Majority ballot vote required

4. To choose Agents and Committees in relation to any subjects embraced in the Warrant.

5. To transact other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 11th day of January, 2001.

Keith Cota, Chair
Virginia Drew
Donald Harty
Timothy Riel
Andrew Turnbull
EPSOM SCHOOL BOARD

EPSOM SCHOOL DISTRICT 2001-02 PROPOSED BUDGET					
ACCOUNT #	DESCRIPTION	1999/00 EXPENDED	2000/01 VOTED BUD.	2001/02 PROP. BUD.	BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED NOT RECOMMENDED
1000 INSTRUCTION					
1100 REGULAR PROGRAMS					
110	Teachers' Salaries	993,660.22	1,024,940.00	1,077,453.00	1,077,453.00
112	Substitute Salaries	25,012.50	33,640.00	33,640.00	33,640.00
114	Aides' Salaries	40,398.35	42,687.00	43,053.00	43,053.00
321	Computer Training	0.00	750.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
430	Computer Maintenance	8,293.04	7,000.00	13,607.00	13,607.00
431	Repairs to Equipment	268.64	775.00	750.00	750.00
432	Server/Network Upgrade	0.00	5,259.00	1,550.00	1,550.00
550	Rebinding of Books	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
561	Tuition-Other-Districts	871,427.91	1,189,365.00	1,423,730.00	1,423,730.00
610	Teaching Supplies	33,913.68	38,166.00	36,181.00	36,181.00
611	Computer Parts	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
641	Textbooks	12,865.53	7,724.00	16,512.00	16,512.00
642	Audio Visual	6,068.21	7,395.00	2,459.00	2,459.00
649	Student Publications	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
650	Audio Visual-Computer	0.00	7,438.00	5,525.00	5,525.00
733	New Instructional Equipment	4,592.71	493.00	1.00	1.00
734	Technology Equipment	0.00	17,750.00	1.00	1.00
737	Repl. Instructional Equipment	2,244.00	823.00	4,907.00	4,907.00
738	Replace Computers	0.00	0.00	5,225.00	5,225.00
739	New Equipment-Physical Ed.	0.00	395.00	1.00	1.00
890	Technology Initiative	20,559.28	0.00	0.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL 1100		2,019,579.07	2,384,875.00	2,671,370.00	2,671,370.00
1200 SPECIAL PROGRAMS					
110	Salaries	114,991.00	121,303.00	79,468.00	79,468.00
114	Aides' Salaries	117,956.69	133,854.00	114,423.00	114,423.00
115	Special Education Tutor	3,900.45	1.00	1.00	1.00
116	Special Education Coordinator	31,078.79	36,050.00	36,050.00	36,050.00
117	Summer Tutorial	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
330	EH Consultant	0.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
569	Special Education Tuition	233,370.79	200,454.00	311,542.00	311,542.00

ACCOUNT #	DESCRIPTION	1999/00 EXPENDED	2000/01 VOTED BUD.	2001/02 PROP. BUD.	BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
610	Special Education Supplies	1,639.72	1,789.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	
641	Special Education Books	0.00	1,184.00	300.00	300.00	
642	Special Education Audio Visual	1,105.33	380.00	300.00	300.00	
734	New Equipment	2,659.11	822.00	1,313.00	1,313.00	
	SUBTOTAL 1200	506,701.88	496,338.00	545,698.00	545,698.00	
1410	CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS					
110	Cocurricular Salaries	8,015.00	10,225.00	9,465.00	9,465.00	
340	Cocurricular Officials	2,071.00	2,976.00	2,976.00	2,976.00	
610	Cocurricular Supplies	3,119.48	4,136.00	3,756.00	3,756.00	
	SUBTOTAL 1410	13,205.48	17,337.00	16,197.00	16,197.00	
2000	SUPPORT SERVICES					
2112	ATTENDANCE & SOCIAL WORK					
330	Truant Officer	750.00	750.00	1.00	1.00	
	SUBTOTAL 2110	750.00	750.00	1.00	1.00	
2120	GUIDANCE					
330	Guidance Salary	34,588.00	37,178.00	39,943.00	39,943.00	
610	Guidance Supplies	567.99	440.00	100.00	100.00	
642	A/V Guidance	0.00	225.00	1.00	1.00	
330	Special Education Diagnostic	37,343.83	18,781.00	74,410.00	74,410.00	
610	Testing Supplies	4,027.93	3,783.00	2,850.00	2,850.00	
	SUBTOTAL 2123	76,527.75	60,407.00	117,304.00	117,304.00	
2130	HEALTH					
110	Nurse's Salary	34,772.00	37,142.00	38,254.00	38,254.00	
430	Equip. Calibration	0.00	115.00	165.00	165.00	
610	Medical Supplies	749.53	800.00	800.00	800.00	
641	Health Instruction	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	
739	Health Equipment	183.00	1.00	61.00	61.00	
430	Software Support	0.00	254.00	0.00	0.00	
580	Travel	70.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	
610	Office Supplies	28.93	198.00	325.00	325.00	
810	Memberships/Dues	0.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	
	SUBTOTAL 2130	35,803.46	38,587.00	39,682.00	39,682.00	
2190	OTHER PUPIL SERVICES					
321	Other Instructional Services	0.00	35.00	70.00	70.00	
810	Membership/Dues	0.00	215.00	215.00	215.00	
890	Assembly	950.00	2,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
	SUBTOTAL 2190	950.00	2,250.00	1,785.00	1,785.00	

ACCOUNT #	DESCRIPTION	1999/00 EXPENDED	2000/01 VOTED BUD.	2001/02 PROP. BUD.	BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
2210 IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION						
322	Curriculum Development	2,146.42	2,000.00	500.00	500.00	
322	Inservise Training	2,365.00	3,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	
329	Course Reimbursement	5,250.00	7,900.00	8,490.00	8,490.00	
641	Professional Books/Subscriptions	500.00	500.00	200.00	200.00	
SUBTOTAL 2210		10,261.42	13,400.00	11,690.00	11,690.00	
2222 LIBRARY						
110	Librarian's Salary	29,882.00	32,110.00	28,230.00	28,230.00	
610	Library/General Supplies	326.91	140.00	230.00	230.00	
641	Library Books	4,009.30	4,200.00	1,470.00	1,470.00	
642	Library/General Reference	1,268.85	955.00	430.00	430.00	
650	Computer Software	825.20	1,345.00	1.00	1.00	
733	Furniture & Fixtures	439.81	764.00	260.00	260.00	
610	Video Cassettes	422.62	225.00	160.00	160.00	
642	Library Film Rental	10.00	350.00	50.00	50.00	
738	Replace Technology Equip	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.00	
SUBTOTAL 2222		37,184.69	40,089.00	30,832.00	30,832.00	
2290 OTHER INSTRUCTION SERVICES						
580	Travel and Conference	2,760.16	8,225.00	8,835.00	8,835.00	
SUBTOTAL 2290		2,760.16	8,225.00	8,835.00	8,835.00	
2310 SCHOOL BOARD						
110	Board Salaries	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	
115	Secretary to the Board	520.00	720.00	720.00	720.00	
300	Contr-Fixed Assets	0.00	609.00	609.00	609.00	
540	Advertising	4,050.58	3,000.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	
610	Board Expense	1,042.16	900.00	1,600.00	1,600.00	
810	Dues NHSBA	2,880.45	2,881.00	2,944.00	2,944.00	
2312-116	Clerk	175.00	175.00	175.00	175.00	
2313-110	Treasurer's Salary	375.00	375.00	500.00	500.00	
610	Treasurer's Expense	1,136.15	939.00	1,150.00	1,150.00	
2314-121	Moderator	0.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	
340	Legal Notices	126.58	400.00	200.00	200.00	
610	SB 2 Voting Expenses	594.01	800.00	600.00	600.00	
2317-300	Auditors	2,142.00	2,142.00	2,142.00	2,142.00	
2318-380	Attorneys	19,517.54	1,550.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
SUBTOTAL 2310		32,559.47	14,567.00	16,216.00	16,216.00	

ACCOUNT #	DESCRIPTION	1999/00 EXPENDED	2000/01 VOTED BUD.	2001/02 PROP. BUD.	BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED	BUDGET COMMITTEE NOT RECOMMENDED
2321 SAU MANAGEMENT SERVICES						
312 S.A.U. #53		110,095.00	124,410.00	125,381.00	125,381.00	
	SUBTOTAL 2320	110,095.00	124,410.00	125,381.00	125,381.00	
2400 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION SERVICES						
110 Principal's Salary		55,804.00	57,478.00	57,478.00	57,478.00	
111 Assistant Principal's Salary		43,775.00	45,539.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	
112 Team Leaders		6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	
550 Report Cards		657.50	1,000.00	750.00	750.00	
580 Principal's Travel		0.00	550.00	550.00	550.00	
810 Professional Dues		723.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
115 Secretaries' Salaries		43,635.43	46,243.00	46,243.00	46,243.00	
116 Extra Typing Services		400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	
111 Tech. Coord. Salary		0.00	31,930.00	31,930.00	31,930.00	
300 Criminal Records		510.00	590.00	590.00	590.00	
320 Workshops & Conferences		860.50	1,500.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
430 Software Support		0.00	477.00	731.00	731.00	
580 Adm. Travel		680.40	1,025.00	1,025.00	1,025.00	
610 Office Supplies		5,130.67	7,001.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	
641 Professional Books/Subscriptions		0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	
650 Office Software		695.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	
890 Commencement		813.02	800.00	800.00	800.00	
	SUBTOTAL 2400	159,684.52	201,535.00	196,499.00	196,499.00	
2600 OPERATION/MAINTENANCE						
110 Custodian Salaries		60,517.02	64,766.00	63,607.00	63,607.00	
411 Water		8,485.80	3,000.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	
531 Utility Telephone		5,241.22	6,400.00	5,500.00	5,500.00	
600 Supplies		10,946.30	14,000.00	13,000.00	13,000.00	
622 Utility Electricity		20,467.12	21,400.00	20,500.00	20,500.00	
624 Utility Oil		8,424.09	13,324.00	17,560.00	17,560.00	
430 Other Repairs to Building		15,753.75	12,157.00	5,964.00	5,964.00	
431 Repairs-Electricity/Plumbing		7,693.57	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	
520 SMP Insurance		11,709.00	14,517.00	14,080.00	14,080.00	
424 Fields/Grounds Improvement		0.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	
430 Equipment Repair		620.23	600.00	600.00	600.00	
432 Contracted Services		7,373.59	7,804.00	11,460.00	11,460.00	
731 New Equipment		14,984.17	1,075.00	1.00	1.00	

ACCOUNT #	DESCRIPTION	1999/00 EXPENDED	2000/01 VOTED BUD.	2001/02 PROP. BUD.	BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
735	Equipment Replacement	1,000.00	1,737.90	423.00	423.00	
	SUBTOTAL 2540	173,215.86	168,280.00	168,695.00	168,695.00	
2720	PUPIL TRANSPORTATION					
519	Contracted Services	116,287.00	167,265.00	174,510.00	174,510.00	
519	Special Education Transportation	19,355.77	29,950.00	52,600.00	52,600.00	
443	Athletic Trips	1,739.00	2,350.00	2,820.00	2,820.00	
443	Field Trips	2,568.50	3,600.00	3,600.00	3,600.00	
	SUBTOTAL 2550	139,950.27	203,165.00	233,530.00	233,530.00	
2900	OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES					
211	Health Insurance	189,555.88	251,228.00	288,034.00	288,034.00	
212	Dental Insurance	11,047.05	14,514.00	21,005.00	21,005.00	
213	Life Insurance/Annuity	6,126.16	15,235.00	14,059.00	14,059.00	
230	FICA	123,079.77	129,934.00	133,366.00	133,366.00	
232	Teachers' Retirement	39,251.04	42,599.00	42,846.00	42,846.00	
239	Separation-Early Retirement	0.00	0.00	18,485.00	18,485.00	
250	Unemployment Compensation	291.53	1,984.00	1,984.00	1,984.00	
260	Workers' Compensation	200.96	12,016.00	7,062.00	7,062.00	
290	Non-Bargaining Unit Increase	0.00	0.00	20,627.00	20,627.00	
291	Administrators Increase	0.00	0.00	16,982.00	16,982.00	
	SUBTOTAL 2900	369,552.39	467,510.00	564,450.00	564,450.00	
4200	FACILITIES AQU/CONSTR.					
424	Site Improvements-Grounds	0.00	13,799.00	1.00	1.00	
450	Site Improvements-Building	29,448.01	21,130.00	19,097.00	19,097.00	
	SUBTOTAL 4200	29,448.01	34,929.00	19,098.00	19,098.00	
5100	DEBT SERVICE					
910	Principal	200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	
830	Interest	44,860.00	34,410.00	24,360.00	24,360.00	
	SUBTOTAL 5100	244,860.00	234,410.00	224,360.00	224,360.00	
5200	FUND TRANSFERS					
5221	To Food Service Fund	0.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	
5251	Transfer to Capital Reserve	150,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
5252	To Other Trust Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	SUBTOTAL 5200	150,000.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	
	FUND II ANTICIPATED GRANTS	70,499.80	75,200.00	70,500.00	70,500.00	
	FUND IV FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM	91,647.52	91,250.00	102,315.00	102,315.00	
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	4,275,236.75	4,677,515.00	5,164,439.00	5,164,439.00	

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
For the Fiscal Year July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000

Cash on Hand July 1, 1998	\$ 181,256.78
Received from Selectmen	\$ 2,292,043.00
Revenue from State Sources	1,843,369.02
Received from Other Sources	<u>84,825.98</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>4,220,238.00</u>
 Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year	 4,401,494.78
Less for School Board Orders Paid	<u>4,065,426.09</u>
BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 1999	\$ 336,068.69

LINDA MARTEL
District Treasurer

STATISTICAL REPORT

Half day in Session	360
Total Enrollment	502
Percent of Attendance	96.6
Average Daily Attendance	454.8

DISTRICTS' SHARE OF SAU

District	1999 Equalized Valuation	Valuation Percentage	1997-98 Pupils	Pupil Percent	Combined Percent	2000-01 District Share
Allentown	\$112,330,000	14.1	633	17.8	16.0	\$122,121
Chichester	100,208,000	12.6	267	7.0	9.8	74,799
Deerfield	189,112,000	23.8	547	14.5	19.1	145,781
Epsom	156,928,000	19.7	471	12.9	16.3	124,410
Pembroke	<u>237,589,000</u>	<u>29.8</u>	<u>1700</u>	<u>47.8</u>	<u>38.8</u>	<u>296,143</u>
	\$796,167,000	100.0	3618	100.0	100.0	\$763,254

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #53 BUDGET

2001/02

Estimated Revenues

Account Number Description

770	Unreserved Fund Balance, June 30, 2001.....	\$ -0-
4000	REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES	
4470	Handicapped Foundation (P.L. 94-142).....	498,889.00
1000	LOCAL REVENUE EXCLUSIVE OF DISTRICT SHARE	
	Tuition/Transportation	479,189.00
	TOTAL REVENUES.....	<u>\$ 978,078.00</u>

Estimated Expenditures

Function Object Purpose of Expenditure

1000		INSTRUCTION	
1200	ALL	Special Programs.....	\$ 42,800.00
2000		SUPPORT SERVICES	
2190	ALL	Other Pupil Services.....	807,166.00
2200		INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF SERVICES	
2210	ALL	Improvement of Instruction.....	1,000.00
2300		GENERAL ADMINISTRATION SERVICES	
2310	ALL	School Administrative Unit Board.....	9,808.00
2320	ALL	Office of the Superintendent.....	233,376.00
2330	ALL	Special Area Administrative Services.....	131,159.00
2390	ALL	Other General Administration Services.....	56,397.00
2500		BUSINESS SERVICES	
2520	ALL	Fiscal.....	103,874.00
2540	ALL	Operation & Maintenance of Plant.....	28,320.00
2600		MANAGERIAL SERVICES.....	174,432.00
2900		OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES.....	178,305.00
		TOTAL EXPENDITURES.....	<u>\$ 1,766,637.00</u>
		LESS ESTIMATED REVENUES.....	978,078.00
		AMOUNT TO BE SHARED BY DISTRICTS.....	<u>\$ 788,559.00</u>

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS			
1999/00			
Date	From Whom	Description	Amount
1999			
7/31	State of NH	Chapter I, Title II & VI	24,855.36
	Interest		101.48
8/1	Epsom Better Buddies	Rent	225.50
	State of NH	Food	3,841.00
	State of NH	Adequacy Grant	196,754.00
	State of NH	Food	1,585.00
8/9	McElaney	Ins. Reim.	39.98
	Puffer	Ins. Reim.	206.00
	Wormald	Ins. Reim.	19.99
	State of NH	Milk	39.00
8/12	Lizzie	Ins. Reim.	426.33
	Lizzie	Ins. Reim.	426.23
	Puffer	Ins. Reim.	206.00
	Wormald	Ins. Reim.	19.99
	Cicchetto	Ins. Reim.	567.56
8/26	Puffer	Ins. Reim.	206.00
	Cranton-White	Ins. Reim.	602.99
	NH Retirement	Refund	45.51
	Interest		68.75
9/3	Cicchetto	Ins. Reim.	567.56
	State of NH	Adequacy Grant	196,754.00
9/10	McElaney	Ins. Reim.	19.99
	McElaney	Ins. Reim.	19.99
	Epsom Better Buddies	Rent	404.50
	State of NH	Medicaid	59.12
	State of NH	Medicaid	2,180.25
	SAU #53	Reim.	1,095.22
	Town of Epsom	Appropriation	70,000.00
	Pitney-Bowes	Reim.	39.85
	NH Retirement	Refund	39.29
	NHSBT	Ins. Claim	1,088.15
	Epsom Lunch Sales		3,371.17
	Interest		68.15
10/1	Town of Epsom	Appropriation	117,000.00
10/8	EYAA	Field	557.11
	Puffer	Ins. Reim.	206.00
	NH Retirement	Reim.	39.29
	State of NH	Building Aid	30,000.00
10/18	State of NH	Medicaid	28,718.15

Date	From Whom	Description	Amount
10/20	Town of Epsom	Appropriation	70,000.00
10/22	SAU #53	Reim.	16,589.88
	Epsom Lunch Sales		5,762.34
	Interest		65.34
11/4	Town of Epsom	Appropriation	180,000.00
11/8	Puffer	Ins. Reim.	206.00
	Cicchetto	Ins. Reim.	1,135.12
	US Treasury	Refund	196.65
11/15	NH Retirement	Reim.	39.29
	Epsom Better Buddies	Rent	398.00
	Town of Epsom	Appropriation	370,000.00
11/18	McElaney	Ins. Reim.	39.98
	State of NH	Block Grant	8,520.30
	State of NH	Medicaid	3,378.34
	State of NH	Milk	46.00
	Epsom Lunch Sales		4,287.45
	Interest		80.00
12/1	Town of Epsom	Appropriation	70,000.00
12/2	Puffer	Ins. Reim.	206.00
	Cicchetto	Ins. Reim.	567.55
	State of NH	Food	3,191.00
12/9	Town of Epsom	Appropriation	25,000.00
12/15	Town of Epsom	Appropriation	164,000.00
12/17	Dancesteps	Rent	207.75
	BER	Refund	159.00
	NH Retirement	Refund	39.29
12/23	Town of Epsom	Appropriation	70,000.00
	Epsom Lunch Sales		3,018.89
	Interest		84.58
2000			
1/11	State of NH	Catastr/Milk/Adequacy	646,920.87
1/18	Marquis	Ins. Claim	202.03
	Epsom Better Buddies	Rent	170.50
	NH Retirement	Refund	39.29
	State of NH	Milk	58.00
	SAU #53	Reim.	1,798.00
1/26	Demon	Computer Reim.	2,434.92
	Puffer	Ins. Reim.	206.00
	Marquis	Ins. Claim	15.00
	Epsom Lunch Sales		2,036.39
	Interest		81.13
2/7	Puffer	Ins. Reim.	206.00
	State of NH	Food	5,741.00

Date	From Whom	Description	Amount
2/23	State of NH	LEA Grant	23,483.14
	State of NH	Food	3,362.00
	NH Retirement	Refund	39.29
	SDE	Refund	139.00
2/25	Dail Transportation	Refund	146.00
	Comp. Fund NH	Claim	483.00
	Pembroke School District	Refund	220.00
	SAU #53	Refund	50.00
	Epsom Lunch Sales		5,761.79
	Interest		53.01
	Pool Plus Interest		1,923.23
3/9	Filing Fees		6.00
	Epsom Better Buddies	Rent	179.00
	Epsom Better Buddies	Rent	207.00
	McElaney	Ins. Reim.	59.97
	Puffer	Ins. Reim.	206.00
	Compensation Funds	Claim	292.78
	Free Spirit	Refund	12.95
	State of NH	Medicaid	56.89
	State of NH	Milk/Food	3,209.00
	State of NH	Medicaid	4,240.38
3/13	Town of Epsom	Appropriation	215,327.00
	Town of Epsom	Appropriation	95,000.00
3/31	State of NH	Milk	47.00
	NH Retirement	Refund	39.29
	Epsom Lunch Sales		2,574.16
	Interest		107.57
	Interest from Pool Plus		866.67
4/1	State of NH	Adequacy Grant	590,264.00
4/7	Epsom Better Buddies	Rent	237.75
	State of NH	Breakfast/Milk	3,265.00
	SAU #53	Refund	32.50
4/21	NH Retirement	Refund	39.29
	Puffer	Ins. Reim.	206.00
4/10	Town of Epsom	Appropriation	114,000.00
4/28	State of NH	Building Aid	30,000.00
	State of NH	Title VI, Chapt. I, LEA Grant	19,400.00
	Epsom Lunch Sales		5,945.31
	Interest		57.79
	Interest Pool Plus		2,169.57
5/4	Puffer	Ins. Reim.	206.00
	McElaney	Ins. Reim.	59.98
	State of NH	Medicaid	886.90

Date	From Whom	Description	Amount
	SAU #53	Refund	32.50
5/15	NH Retirement	Refund	39.29
	State of NH	Breakfast	3,341.00
	Epsom Lunch Sales		4,231.18
	Interest		60.79
	Interest from Pool Plus		1,949.59
6/1	Joy of Dance	Rent	300.00
	State of NH	Milk	65.00
	State of NH	Breakfast/Milk	2,502.00
6/16	Epsom Better Buddies	Rent	225.25
	NH Retirement	Refund	39.29
	Deerfield School District	Reim.	613.03
6/23	Puffer	Ins. Reim.	259.66
	State of NH	Medicaid	1,631.32
6/29	State of NH	Catastrophic Aid	4,208.00
	State of NH	Reapp	766.00
6/9	Town of Epsom	Appropriation	114,000.00
6/14	Town of Epsom	Appropriation	308,858.00
6/30	Town of Epsom	Appropriation	308,858.00
	Epsom Lunch Sales		3,523.98
	Interest		113.96
	Interest from Pool Plus		164.71
	Check #10332 cashed for wrong amount		1.00
	TOTAL		\$ 4,220,238.10

EPSOM SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUMMARY REPORT
SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENDITURES/REVENUES

In accordance with RSA 32:11-a, the following summary represents actual special education expenditures and offsetting revenues for the previous two fiscal years.

	<u>FY 1998/99</u>	<u>FY 1999/00</u>
Actual Expenditures	\$ 658,553	\$ 677,185
Actual Revenues		
♦ Catastrophic Aid	\$ 27,602	\$ 74,167
♦ Medicaid	36,999	40,951
♦ Federal Grant	35,175	35,706
Total Offsetting Revenues	\$ 99,776	\$ 150,824

- Notes:
- Actual expenditures represent a total of all designated special education budget categories. Services provided through regular education categories cannot be accurately segregated.
 - State Foundation Aid/Adequate Education Aid paid in both fiscal years above contained various weighted stipends for those students identified as having special needs. These cannot be accurately identified as a separate revenue category.

NOTES

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS REPORT

Education is a topic of great importance to almost everyone. The media covers its successes, failures and funding woes assiduously. Political candidates cite it as a major plank in their campaign platforms. Education is at the heart of our achievements and our future as a society; it has a profound impact on our daily lives from early childhood through our retirement years.

Recently University of New Hampshire Professor Thomas Newkirk wrote an article regarding the commonly expressed belief that our schools are in an “educational recession.” With his permission, I would like to share Professor Newkirk’s thoughts with you. I found his perspectives to be both interesting and thought-provoking and hope you do as well.

Professor Newkirk feels that two myths permeate the debate on public education. The first is that we are in educational decline. The second is that even if we aren’t in decline, demands of the 21st century will be dramatically higher and our schools are not ready to meet those demands.

It is, of course, tempting to look back to an educational Golden Age – invariably the years each of us was in school – and then trace a downward line to the present. Yet the most reliable records of national achievement show that students’ reading and writing ability has remained remarkably constant for the general population with modest improvements for minority students. In mathematics, a special area of concern for many, students have posted small but steady increases over the past decade.

Even opinion polls suggest that the dissatisfaction with schools may be more illusory than it seems. When the general population is asked to evaluate U.S. schools with a grade, only 19% gave an A or B. When the same group was asked to rate their own school system, 44% gave top grades. Yet when parents of children in school were asked to rate the schools their children attended, 72% gave top grades. So while there may be a generalized dissatisfaction about American schooling, communities and parents for the most part view their own local schools positively.

The second debate states that, even if there is no real basis for claiming an actual decline in educational attainment, critics feel the current standard of achievement is inadequate for the demands of jobs in the 21st century. Without dramatic increases in literacy levels, we won’t have enough qualified workers for the more complex jobs being created and our economy will suffer. Yet again evidence suggests otherwise. Recently, the National Educational Testing Service Published a study entitled *What Jobs Require*. The study concludes that “averaging all occupations, the literacy requirements in 1986, 1996, and 2006 were and are projected to be successfully addressed. The increases in literacy demands since 1940 have been more than offset by higher graduation rates and increasing enrollments in post-secondary education.” The report concludes there is no crisis in literacy preparation.

In the early 1980’s the United States Department of Education published the report *A Nation At Risk* which warned of a “rising tide of mediocrity” which would undermine the economic vitality of the country. Schools were blamed for what the report called “an act of unthinking, unilateral, educational disarmament.” These have turned out to be poor and inaccurate predictions. The students who

attended those “mediocre” schools are in the workforce now posting productivity gains that are the envy of the industrial world. Schools sometimes receive blame during economic downturns, but with the resurgence of the economy, they usually do not receive credit.

Professor Newkirk certainly does not mean to make the case for complacency. There is serious work to be done to close the societal, racial and economic achievement gap, to recruit and prepare a new generation of teachers in response to the looming shortage, and to move all students beyond a basic level of achievement. There are still too many students unprepared for advanced education and the job market. However, these problems demand patient, thoughtful local action which must involve – not simply blame – educators. While we need “distance runners,” undistractable and in for the long haul, a crisis mentality only breeds “sprinters,” seeking quick but unsustainable fixes. We will make little progress if we persist in denying the factual record that most public schools are succeeding and improving while continuing to create the myth of crisis.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Haley
Superintendent of Schools

EPSOM SCHOOL DISTRICT Principal's Annual Report

In 1996-97 school year, restructuring efforts focused on empowering a dedicated and committed staff, working in partnership with the parents and community, and supporting high quality learning for our students. Through many years, your school board and central office officials have recognized and actively supported the commendable efforts of our students, staff, and school volunteers.

At the February 3 school district meeting, school data will be provided for your review. The quality of Epsom's education is a topic of great interest whether discussing the school's portion of the tax rate, how Epsom's students score on a state test, or how we recruit, train, and evaluate staff. Therefore, Don Harty chaired a committee of interested educators and townspeople which included Jay Golden, parent; Jessica Willis, student; Harvey Harkness, community member; Pam Lindberg, parent; Robert Yeaton, community member; Andrew Turnbull, parent/ESB; Harmony Anderson, teacher; and Mary Devlin, principal. In several lively discussions, we bantered around what townspeople wanted to know, what we defined as quality education, and how we could share our findings. The list grew and, as I write this report, we are compiling information that we hope will begin to address longstanding questions, offer insight into what is happening in our K-12 system, and provide a means for us to yearly communicate with the community.

Within this report are brief accounts of several of the initiatives that support quality education in Epsom:

School Safety: Many visitors, volunteers, and substitutes come to Epsom Central School. We appreciate their signing in and out of the office, as well as wearing the visitor passes. In addition, the school district requires criminal checks of the staff and regular visitors to Epsom Central School. Staff carry keys given outside doors are locked, except the main entrance door. In addition, we have a Loss Management Committee, which oversees preventive safety measures throughout the school.

Transportation: Seven Dail Transportation busses service our students with bus routes that are closely scrutinized for safety. Our local bus drivers and bus coordinator, Kelly Dobe, work closely with us on any discipline concerns that are minimal.

Expectations: Our Epsom CARES logo has emphasized students making Choices that are Appropriate, Responsible, Excellent, and Safe. In addition, our monthly character and citizenship curriculum supports a monthly character theme. In September, we sent home magnetic calendars with our themes. We thank the many families who support our efforts by encouraging these themes at home.

Assessment: Two types of standardized group tests are administered at Epsom Central School. New Hampshire state assessment is given to students in grades 3 and 6. In grades 2, 5, and 8, a national test is given to measure achievement as compared to other students in the country. On-going teacher-based assessment occurs within classrooms. For example, junior high social study students have an extensive portfolio that chronicles their work, supports their notetaking and study skills, and provides them a tool to study for their tests and quizzes. Elementary teachers do running records while students read, assess progress through unit testing, and offer on-going feedback during small group lessons.

Space Needs: Although our enrollment projections for next year indicates limited growth, a space needs committee has supported the need for additional space given current demands. Two junior high classes are taught within one room with the help of a petition. Our business office is tucked into a corner in the computer lab. Study hall classes are split up and placed within other classes. The teacher's room is a former custodial closet. Custodial space has been taken over for many educational purposes.

Staff Recognition: Staff continue to be recognized for their efforts locally, statewide, and nationally. In 1997, Jane Copp has recognized as one of three exemplary NH art educators. In 2000, Kelly Sedgley, grade 1/2, won the coveted Sally Mae Award. Kelly was recognized as New Hampshire's finest first year teacher in a Washington, DC. Judy Snell, grade 4, was honored by UNH as an exemplary teacher, and her classroom acts as a model to many visiting teachers. Lisa Bauer, grades 6-8, has been recognized as a district leader in K-12 social studies curriculum reform, as well as her exemplary student portfolios. Whether the secretarial, custodial, special education, para-professional, unified arts, or classroom staff, the crew is a dedicated group working together for the good of children.

Staff Training: Over the last five years, University of New Hampshire classes have been offered on site in language arts and mathematics to staff members. In addition, we have offered on-site workshops in such areas as legal issues, special education, reading and language arts, math, and CPR. Through grants, staff have participated in national and regional seminars in reading, math, technology, and early childhood.

As you can see in this report, I have briefly touched upon a few areas. We hope to further discuss our work within an education report prepared by the Status on Education in Epsom Committee. Your continuing support is appreciated and means our journey towards excellence will continue. Recently, one parent wrote, *"Thank you for making the difference in the life of a parent. I am learning so much about the most important thing in life, [our] children. I am proud that my kids are going to school where the teachers and staff care so much, not only about the welfare of the students academically but also socially and emotionally with the words of the month and other policies. I see it's not always an easy job, but so important...."* Like many of our parents and community members, she volunteers many hours, attends PTO meetings, and has become an important member of our school community. Thank you for being partners for quality education in the many different and valued ways.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary E. Devlin
ECS Principal

EPSOM CENTRAL SCHOOL NURSE'S REPORT

There have been over 2200 student visits to the Health Office during the school year for various issues including first aid, illness, health counseling and social issues. Screenings continue in the areas of vision and hearing. These screenings result in appropriate treatment and earlier recognition of hearing deficits as they relate to learning. Other screening programs consist of scoliosis, blood pressure, pediculosis and nutritional assessments. The nurse is involved with weekly meetings as a member of the Student Assistance Team, with the focus on the educational needs of our students. The nurse is also a member of the Crisis Intervention Team. The computerization of health records is on-going.

Financial assistance from the School Nurse Student Health Association continues to be available for students with emergency medical and dental needs whose families would otherwise find these expenses a hardship. These are private funds secured through the cooperation of the Bank of New Hampshire, Suncook Branch, and supported through several area businesses and organizations throughout the school districts including Epsom, Pembroke, Allenstown and Hooksett. Their continued support of this program is greatly appreciated. The efforts of the Epsom-Chichester Lions Club are also greatly appreciated as they, too are an integral part of our resource system for those families in need of support. We thank them for their continued support.

All of our students are properly immunized according to New Hampshire Board of Immunization regulations. All of our students are in compliance with state regulations. A special thank you is extended to the Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association for assisting with immunization clinics and to the Pittsfield Medical Professional Association for providing students at Epsom Central School with low cost athletic physical examinations.

A very special thank you is extended to the Epsom Rescue Squad, Fire Department and Police Department for always being there for the children of Epsom and for all they do to teach the children about safety in school and at home. Comprehensive health education continues for all students with the focus on encouraging students to take responsibility for themselves and others. We continue to offer units of Human Growth and Development for grades 5-8.

In the spring of 2000, a Wellness Committee was formed to focus on promoting and providing wellness activities and educational opportunities to our staff in the hopes of eventually extending wellness opportunities to the Epsom community. As part of this program, seven staff members representing various teams at Epsom Central, including our principal, Mary Devlin, attended the New Hampshire Celebrates Wellness Conference at Brewster Academy in June, 2000. As a result of our wellness planning, several activities have been completed, including American Red Cross CPR re-certification for 32 faculty members, a flu shot clinic, and the "Concord Hospital Heart and Sole Walk," an activity in September, 2000 in which Epsom Central families and staff members were invited to participate in a fundraising event for Concord Hospital Cardiac Care unit. As a result of this school-wide effort, which included many staff members, some students and their families, Epsom Central School was named by Concord Hospital as the school that raised the most money for the cause. As a gift from Concord Hospital, in appreciation of our efforts, a bicycle safety clinic will be held here at ECS in the spring of 2001, sponsored by Concord Hospital and S & W Sports. Thank you to Concord Hospital and all families and staff members involved in this project.

Instruction in social skills is available to all grade levels. In February, 2000, the guidance counselor and three teachers attended a two-day workshop at Wellesley College to study anti-bullying programs for grades 1-6. Those programs have now been taught both formally and informally at various grade levels. They compliment conflict resolution and the Epsom C.A.R.E.S. initiative. The school-wide character education

program continues and is currently in its third year of implementation. The magnetic school calendar, sent to every family, identifies the monthly themes of respect, responsibility, caring, friendship, tolerance, honesty, courage, cooperation and service. The guidance counselor, nurse and staff members continue to work towards delivery of a comprehensive drug education program. Our school has access to a student assistance counselor at Pembroke Academy and, for the third year, the eighth grade students from Epsom, Allenstown, Chichester and Pembroke participated in Project Respect. This conference was held at the New Hampshire Technical Institute in Concord and had over twenty workshops available on such topics as drug awareness, parent/teen communication, self esteem, anti-violence, making good choices and transitioning to high school. Close to 400 people attended and included nearly 150 parents. The program is coordinated by Carolyn Puffer, our guidance counselor, and Cheryl Twombly, counselor from Pembroke Academy. They are assisted by the counselors from the other schools in SAU #53.

All of our programs have been successful as a result of the caring and cooperation of the faculty, support staff, volunteers and community based organizations. We appreciate the continued support of the Epsom School Board, Superintendent Thomas Haley, our principal Mary Devlin, our assistant principal Robynn Orr as well as the many parents and volunteers who have assisted us this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Pozner, R.N.
School Nurse

**SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY
1999-00**

Allenstown	\$12,272
Chichester	7,272
Deerfield	13,408
Epsom	12,954
Pembroke	<u>29,847</u>
	\$75,753

**ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S
SALARY 1999-00**

Allenstown	\$10,304
Chichester	6,105
Deerfield	11,258
Epsom	10,876
Pembroke	<u>25,060</u>
	\$63,603

**BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S
SALARY 1999-00**

Allenstown	\$ 7,655
Chichester	4,536
Deerfield	8,363
Epsom	8,080
Pembroke	<u>18,616</u>
	\$45,250

EPSOM TEACHER ROSTER
2000-01

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>TEACHER'S NAME</u>	<u>SALARY</u>	<u>DEGREE</u>	<u>YEARS EXP.</u>
Grade 8	Allen Janet	36,970.00	BA	20
Grade 7	Anderson, Harmony	36,970.00	BA	28
Grade 1	Barton, Deborah	36,970.00	BA	18
Grade 7	Bauer, Lisa	36,970.00	BA	14
Kindergarten	Bryant, Lori	37,156.00	MA	12
Grade 7	Conway, Kathleen	26,737.00	BA+15	4
Art (80%)	Copp, Jane	30,247.00	BA+15	16
Grade 3	Damelio, Cynthia	38,648.00	BA+30	18
Grade 3	DeLorie, Jacqueline	35,431.00	MA+15	10
Grade 3	Donovan, Robin	27,179.00	BA	6
Grade 8	Dougherty, Richard	34,452.00	BA+30	11
Technology	Dumont, Cody	31,930.00		2
Grade 5	Elliott, Linda	37,203.00	BA+30	15
Physical Education	Hamilton, Beth	34,242.00	BA	12
Grade 6	Haulk, Stephanie	26,154.00	BA	3
Spanish	Irizarry, Amor	28,846.00	BA+30	9
Grade 2	Jarnagin, Jeanne	36,970.00	BA	16
Kindergarten/Gr. 1	Kelly, Jessica	23,310.00		1
Grade 2	Lesieur, Lynn	37,809.00	BA+15	14
Grade 5	Martin, Paul	37,156.00	MA	12
Grade 2	Mason, Susan	38,648.00	BA+30	22
Grade 4	Patterson, Steven	33,100.00	MA	8
Grade 4	Rowe, Francine	37,809.00	BA+15	24
Grade 8	Saulnier, Rebecca	40,117.00	MA	27
Grade 1	Sedgley, Kelly	27,319.00	MA	3
Grade 5	Severance, Jamie	35,758.00	MA	9
Music	Shaw, Jennifer	36,970.00	BA	13
Language Arts	Smith, Shirley	40,117.00	MA	20
Grade 4	Snell, Judith	36,970.00	BA	19
Grade 6	Verity, Carol	27,319.00	MA	3
Grade 6	Wiley, Louise	38,648.00	BA+30	16
Grade 1	Wilkinson, Karen	25,175.00	BA	3
Special Education	May, Darcie	24,219.00	BA	2
Special Education	Meehan, Elizabeth	32,820.00	MA+15	7
Speech/Language	Perkins, Caroline	27,715.00		1
Special Education	Valley, Linda	30,513.00	BA	9
Coordinator	Preve, Tami	36,050.00		6
Guidance Couns.	Puffer, Carolyn	37,156.00	MA	12
Nurse	Pozner, Joan	36,970.00	BA	14
Media Gen. (80%)	Yerburgh, Clare	26,256.00	MA+15	7
Principal	Devlin, Mary	57,478.00	MA	27
Asst. Principal	Orr, Robynn	40,000.00	MA	1

**EPSOM SCHOOL DISTRICT
GRADUATION CLASS OF 2000**

Kurt R. Abbott	Tiffany Jeanne Mills
Heather Lynn Anderson	Ethan Morency
Kelsie Rae Beaton	Danielle Catherine Nerdahl
Joshua Dean Brigham	Elise Peck
Donald Nathaniel Bush	Nicolle M. Pillsbury
Kyle Adam Bush	Jonathan L. Quimby
Alisha M. Bushey	Megan J. Rand
Alyssa M. Butler	Amanda G. Raymond
Corey David Caza	David Bryant Reith
Jennifer M. Chandler	Cathleen Patricia Rocheville
Bryan Chouinard	Gherri-Jean Salvatore
James Walter Christie	William W. Sinclair
Jeremy Robert Corson	Matthew Skora
Mandy Cota	Clinton P. Smith
Kevin James Covill	Hayley Valerie Smith
Jake Pero Demeritt	Jeffrey Alan Smith
Mariette Whanita Dudley	Rebecca Jane-Lee Snyder
Leah Ashley Fortune	Adam Hoyt Sprague
Laura Elizabeth Price Gates	Shane Richard Stevens
Kristen L. Goldthwaite	Stephanie Kyle Towey
Melissa A. Hanright	Kathryne Louise Towle
Trisha Mae Hughes	Daniel Joseph Vishais
Jessica Janagin	Amanda Whiteman
Megan Elizabeth Jones	Kenny Watkins
Jay H. Levasseur	Ryan George Williams

**EPSOM CENTRAL SCHOOL
2000-01**

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Custodian	Nadeau, Arthur	\$21,424.00
Custodian	Jones, Eric	\$18,720.00
Custodian	Rouillard, Ralph, Jr.	\$23,462.00

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL
REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED
IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

December 18, 2000

The School Board
Epsom School District
Epsom, New Hampshire 03234

I have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Epsom School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2000, and have issued my report thereon dated December 18, 2000. I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Epsom School District's financial statements are free of material misstatements, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, non-compliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit, and accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of non-compliance.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I obtained understanding of the Epsom School District's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. My consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financially reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one of more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. I noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that I consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended for the information of the Audit Committee, management, and federal awarding agencies, pass through entities. However this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

I extend my thanks to the officials and employees of the Epsom School District for their assistance during the course of my audit.

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Appendix on Internal Controls

This is an Appendix to the December 18, 2000 Epsom School District report on internal controls and compliance based on an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards. The following are items that came to my attention during the audit regarding the design and operations of internal controls and compliance with laws, regulations, and other provisions of contracts and grants:

1. Inventory of Fixed Assets

Criteria: Inventory of fixed assets represents a significant control tool in monitoring the School District assets and is essential to prepare reliable financial statements.

Condition: The School District does not have a schedule of assets controlled by the School District. Schedules of assets purchased by federal grants has been maintained. The School District would need to implement the new reporting model for years beginning after June 15, 2003 as required by the Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards: Statement 34 – Basic Financial Statements and management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments. This new model requires fixed assets to be included although it would not require retroactive infrastructure reporting.

Cause: The normal practice of governmental units in New Hampshire has been to expense the fixed asset as purchase, and not to maintain any detail schedule of assets in use.

Recommendation: The District cause an inventory of these assets as soon as practical. The existence of fixed asset records will not only aid district officials in their control of these assets, but should be an invaluable tool in long range planning. General accepted accounting principles require fixed asset reporting as part of the general purpose financial statements and the audit opinion is being qualified due to the omission of this schedule.

Management Response: Fixed Asset Inventory completed in November, 2000.

2. School Lunch Deposits

Criteria: The lunch director controls all the activity associated with the school lunch program.

Condition: The deposits for hot lunch receipts are deposited in an inconsistent manner.

Cause: The deposits are accumulated to approximately \$2,000 prior to deposit.

Recommendation: The hot lunch collection be deposited in a timely manner, i.e. once a week.

Management Response: Have instructed lunch director to deposit receipts weekly and with monitor transactions monthly.

3. Student Activities

Criteria: The School District has established policies for the student activity fund.

Condition: The student activities accounts are controlled by the principal. On occasions the student activities fund is used to pay regular bill of the school district, and a subsequent request for reimbursement is made of the School District's Treasurer.

Cause: The approach appears to be easier or faster than going through the internal control procedures established at the SAU to control disbursements.

Recommendation: The regular School District disbursements should be handled by the procedures established by the SAU, and only student activity disbursements go through the student activity fund. It is recognized that (on a very limited basis) an emergency may arise in which student activities funds might be used in such a manner. Procedures and approvals should be established for those instances.

Management Response: New procedure to be written, distributed and enforced.

